Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Central Provinces—*contd.*		
Hoshangabad (Aug. 11th)	3·28	64 cases of cholera, 27 fatal.
Betul "	2·57	A break required; cholera prevalent.
Narsinghpur "	3·0	Prospects unfavourable owing to continued heavy rains; cholera continues.
Jubbulpore "	2·25	Health good.
Saugor "	5·81	Crops suffering from want of weeding; preparation of rabi lands stopped in consequence of continued heavy rains; health good; prices stationary.
Seoni "	4·10	Transplanting rice continues; prospects favourable; health good.
Damoh "	2·30	A break wanted; prices stationary.
Mandla "	3·60	A break wanted; small-pox continues; prices stationary.
		General Remarks.—On the whole prospects not altogether favourable; rain has been too incessant; cholera too is slightly on the increase.
British Burmah—		
Arakan (August 11th)	...	Public health good.
Akyab "	11·0	Sowing progressing.
Pegu "	Abundant	Public health good.
Rangoon "	...	Considerable cattle disease; cultivation progressing favourably.
Tenasserim "	...	Public health good; few cases of Cholera at Thatone and Shwegyeen; crops flourishing; inundations in some places.
Tounghoo "	5·50	
Amherst "	4·0	
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (August 12th)	1· in Bangalore Cantonment.	17 fatal cases of cholera in Mysore District and town since last report.
Coorg "	6·52	Health good.
		General Remarks.—Agricultural prospects generally fair, but more rain needed especially in two districts whence reports are gloomy.
Assam—		
Gauhati (August 12th)	1·95	Mornings more or less overcast, with slight rain; days fairly cool; transplanting of salee progressing; prospects of tea favourable; public health good.
Sylhet "	4·05	Finer weather; prices falling.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (August 12th)	1·50	Cholera broken out in Woon District, decreasing in other five districts of province; agricultural prospects good.
Rajpootana—		
Sirohi (August 9th)	·25	Tanks and wells filled; health and prospects good; weather seasonable.
Aboo (12th)	5·16	Total rainfall 64·70.
Meywar (6th)	·10	Tanks full; health good; prospects fair; cloudy sky; sunshine required.
Marwar "	...	Wells ceased to rise; tanks drying daily; mild fever prevailing; crops promising though damaged by Kotra worms; no rain; heat very oppressive.
Harowtee States.		
Deolee (August 7th)	·7	
Tonk "	*Nil*	Cholera at Tonk.
Kota "	*Nil*	
Shahapoora "	*Nil*	
Ulwar (11th)	5·17	Temperature 84½°; crops very promising; cholera markedly less.
Jeypore (12th)	2·35	Favourable agricultural prospects; public health good.
Ajmere "	2·9	Weather cloudy, and rain expected; health good.
Bhurtpore "	1·93	Total rainfall 9·12; weather favourable; public health improved.
Central India—		
Indore (August 11th)	3·36	Excessive rain has damaged jowar in Rutlam; cholera still flits about the Province.
Gwalior "	1·49	
Neemuch "	3·	
Rutlam "	2·4	
Baghelkhund " / Sutna "	2·10	
		Bhopal Agency. — Rainfall up to 31st July.
		Sehore ... 32·13
		Beora ... 34·8
		Bhilsa ... 45·4
		Nusinghur ... 36·10
		Khilchipore ... 28·15
Nepal— (August 4th)	2·45	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera has re-appeared.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 19TH AUGUST 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Floods have injured the crops in several provinces. In the Central districts of Bengal rice and indigo have both suffered, and in the Eastern districts there has been considerable destruction in the rice crops. In the North-Western Provinces also, where the rains have been heavy a break is wanted, and the crops in the flooded lands have suffered severely: but here and in Bengal prospects are satisfactory wherever the floods have not extended. In the Punjab, the Central Provinces and Central India, and Burmah, floods have also done damage, especially in the Lahore district of the Punjab. In all these provinces however prospects are on the whole satisfactory. From Madras, Berar, Rajputana, Oudh and Assam reports are favourable. In Bombay also the state of the crops is generally satisfactory, but in three districts (Ahmednagar, Khandesh, and Kaladgi) the want of rain is felt. More rain is also wanted in Mysore (where the crops are suffering in parts) and Nepal. In Sindh prospects are generally satisfactory, except in Kurrachee, where caterpillars are damaging the crops.

On the whole, except in flooded districts, the crops are in very good condition.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (August 19th)	2·74 at Masulipatum. 5·47 at Bezwara. 4·27 at Gudivada.	Rain good elsewhere, none in Kimkonda; 9 feet 11 inches water over anicut; canals full; early crops sown; transplanting progressing; standing crops good, except in inundated country; prices steady; mild small-pox in three talukas; fever in Guntur; markets well supplied; cattle generally healthy; pasture sufficient.
Kurnool (18th)	0·10 in one day.	Rain moderate in six talukas, scarce in Pattikonda and Rawalkota; early dry crops good; markets moderately supplied; prices steady; water and pasture sufficient; some tanks received partial supplies; fever and small-pox prevalent; cattle healthy; 1·7 feet water over Sunkesala anicut yesterday.
Tanjore (19th)	1·75 at Negapatam.	Rain elsewhere insufficient; supply in rivers moderate, in tanks scanty; water over upper anicut, north branch, 1 inch, south 6 inches; lower north branch 7½ inches, south 8½ inches; cultivation wet and a few dry crops; standing crops very few; dry crops in Tanjore taluka not thriving; harvest none; market well supplied; prices steady; cholera abating, 362 deaths this week against 507 last week; cattle disease in Sheally and Manargudi; pasture inadequate.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Trichinopoly (August 18th)	Slight but general rain between 11th and 15th.	Wet crops good, dry crops want water; cholera in town very slight, much better in district, except in Udiarpollium, where it still prevails; cattle healthy; pasture ample in wet parts, scanty in dry parts of district.
Malabar (19th)	2·27	Prospects favourable; markets well supplied; prices high; bowel-complaint prevalent in Ernad and Calicut, five cases and three deaths; fever prevalent in Ernad and Walluvanad; cattle disease in Wynaad; pasture flourishing. *General Remarks.*—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (August 19th)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (August 18th)	...	River still rising; myriads of caterpillars damaging crops in Kurrachee taluka; rain holds off; total fall to date in Kurrachee 3·16.
Shikarpur "	1·9 in three talukas.	Slight rain; kharif crops flourishing; river 15 feet 3 inches, one foot two inches above last year.
Hyderabad "	...	River a little higher than last week.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Kharif sowings progressing; canals well supplied; cotton crops in taluka Thul damaged by floods extending north to Tangwani, west towards Gunia and the Nurwah, progress very slow; part of Shikarpur—Jacobabad road flooded.
Guzerat.		
Ahmedabad (August 18th)	1·27	Total rainfall 11·53; more wanted for rice; cholera cases 186, deaths 40.
Kaira "	·57	Total rainfall 22 inches; prospects good.
Surat "	·46	Total rainfall 31·2.
Broach "	2·42	Total rainfall 39·92; cholera slight.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (August 18th)	·53 at Dhulia.	Total rainfall 10·34; kharif crops promising; cultivation of American cotton increased; cholera cases 587, deaths 248; cattle disease in two talukas.
Nasik "	·99	Total rainfall 27·12; grain crops suffering in two talukas from excessive rain; cotton crops promising; cholera continues slightly.
Konkan.		
Tanna (August 18th)	3·1	Total rainfall 84·88; transplantation of crops almost completed; cholera still slightly prevalent.
Deccan.		
Poona (August 18th)	·99	Total rainfall 26·89; young plants well; cholera continues slightly.
Ahmednagar "	·07	Total rainfall 4·22; sowing finished in eight talukas, and crops withering in four; cholera decreasing except in four talukas.
Sholapur "	·26	Total rainfall 9·89; cholera diminished.
Satara "	3·30	Total rainfall 32·29; sowing of bajri partially completed; young crops flourishing in four talukas, but slightly injured by excessive rain; cholera prevalent.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (August 18th)	1·92	Total rainfall 40·31; cholera continues; crops good.
Dharwar "	·64	Total rainfall 21·37; kharif crops good; rain wanted in black soil talukas.
Kanara "	13·	Total rainfall 22·8 inches; season good.
Kaladgi "	·16	Total rainfall 9·44; more rain wanted throughout; kharif sowing not finished; crops already sown well; cholera at Kaladgi and in three talukas, 34 deaths.
Kathiawar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rajkot (August 18th)	2·33	Total rainfall 8·49; more generally wanted throughout the province; crops suffering for want of it.
Wudwan "	1·28	Total rainfall 10·81; crops good except at Sitha where they are damaged by insects. *General Remarks.*—Rainfall satisfactory, except in Ahmednagar, Khandesh, and Kaladgi; cholera general, except in Sind; but the epidemic is not virulent.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Augt. 19th)	2·17	
Noakhally "	·61	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	3·75	
Hill Tipperah "	1·12	Health good.
Backergunge "	·91	Health good.
Fureedpore "	·11	General health good.
Dacca "	·75	
Tipperah "	3·20	
Mymensingh "	·74	
24-Pergunnahs "	3·59	Ordinary fever prevailing in Diamond Harbour and Basirhat Sub-division.
Nuddea "	·23	
Moorshedabad "	·34	
Jessore "	·73	
Pubna "	·51	
Rajshahye "	1·69	37 cases of cholera have been reported during the week, 24 proved fatal.
Bogra "	·34	Fever prevailing to a great extent.
Maldah "	2·38	
Dinagepore "	1·38	

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*		
Rungpore (Aug. 19th)	·50	
Cooch Behar "	3·70	
Jalpaiguri "	·40	
Darjeeling "	Not received.	
Midnapore "	1·23	
Howrah "	1·11	
Hooghly "	1·20	Small-pox a little on increase, measles in places; general health good.
Burdwan "	·79	Health fair.
Bankoora "	·68	
Beerbhoom "	1·35	
Sonthal Pergunnahs "	·90	Cholera still hanging about Deoghur.
Bhágalpur "	1·30	Fever and small-pox reported from Madebpoora, elsewhere health is very good.
Monghyr "	·49	
Purneah "	·98	
Darbangah "	Not received.	
Mozufferpore "	·35	
Sarun "	·58	Cholera has broken out again at Raghanathpur, an outpost of thana Darowli, in Sewan Sub-division.
Chumparun "	3·53	
Patna "	·06	Health generally good.
Gya "	1·13	Sickness decreasing.
Shahabad "	1·30	General health good.
Hazáribágh "	1·92	Cholera continues where first reported.
Lohardugga "	2·17	Cholera still prevalent in Palamow.
Maunbhoom "	2·08	
Singbhoom "	4·66	Healthy.
Balasore "	4·84	Cholera on the decrease.
Cuttack "	1·38	Cholera appears to be decreasing.
Pooree "	3·91	
		General Remarks.—In the western districts the reports of the state and prospects of the crops are favourable; the indigo prospects are also good. The reports from the central districts are also generally favourable, but both rice and indigo have suffered more or less in the submerged lands. Nearly the whole of the eastern districts suffered considerably from the late floods, and there was much destruction of the amun seedlings. Re-sowing is proceeding steadily, and it is anticipated that much of the injury will be repaired in the Behar districts; the bhadoi crops are flourishing, though some injury has been done to them and the makai in the low lands by the floods; transplanting is going on vigorously. The crops in the Orissa and Chota Nágpore divisions are also generally promising; the murwa millet in Hazaribagh is recovering itself, but both murwa and goondli millets in Lohardugga have suffered much.
N. W. P.—		
Benares (August 18th)	...	Kharif in tahsil Benares damaged by heavy rain; favourable reports from other parts; a break is wanted.
Mirzapur "	1·3 to 2·6	Kharif promising except in flooded tracts.
Azamgarh (17th)	3·8 at head-quarters.	Prospects good.
Cawnpore (18th)	Average rainfall 2·50.	Prospects good.
Banda (19th)	Average rainfall 2·1.	Crops in low lands in danger; a break wanted.
Allahabad (18th)	2·5	Bajra sowing going on generally; health good. No distress for food; rebuilding cannot commence until rain stops.
Hamirpur (19th)	Average rainfall 2·.	A break is wanted.
Jhansi (17th)	·1 at head-quarters.	Prospects favourable.
Agra (18th)	1·1 to 7·3	Prospects good.
Meerut "	2·4 to 6·1	Prospects good.
Moradabad "	...	Rains still heavy; a break wanted.
Bareilly "	...	Prospects good.
Almorah (19th)	Daily showers.	In valleys and irrigated lands complaints are made, but elsewhere prospects are very good.
Punjab—		
Delhi (Aug. 18th)	4·1	Health and prospects good.
Hissar "	3·7	Agricultural prospects improved; grass abundant; health generally good, though cholera still lingers; slight cattle disease in Sirsa villages.
Umballa "	5·2	Crops good; cholera has not quite disappeared.
Jullundur "	12·9	Heavy floods; much damage done to crops, villages and wells; a few cases of cholera; otherwise health good.
Lahore "	3·5	The recent heavy floods have done immense damage to house property in towns, also to district communications; agricultural prospects and health good.
Rawal Pindi "	·25	Agricultural prospects excellent.
Moultan "	1·1	Great damage to crops by floods; health good.
Dera Ismail Khan "	1·9	Health and agricultural prospects good.
Peshawur "	1·3.	Sowing in progress; fever and small-pox prevalent.
		General Remarks.—Rain has fallen abundantly in those districts which up to the last week or two were most in need of it. The excessive rainfall in other districts has caused considerable damage.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Aug. 18th)	8·5	Public health good; rain general; kharif prospects continue favourable; prices stationary.
Sitapur "	3·2	
Fyzabad "	2·6	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (Aug. 14th)	2·86	Prospects favourable; health good.
Sambalpur "	4·3	Prospects good; cholera continues.
Bilaspur "	·76	Prospects favourable; cholera and small-pox continue.
Raipur (15th)	1·60	Prospects excellent; cholera continues; prices easy.
Chindwara "	1·45	Prospects unchanged; 174 cases of cholera, 80 fatal; prices steady.
Chanda "	4·1	Sowings of late kharif crops delayed owing to excessive rain; 10 cases of cholera, 4 fatal; cattle disease abating; prices easy.
Balaghât (16th)	2·90	Transplanting rice completed; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Bhandara (17th)	8·11	Rice crops good; failure of jowar on low lands anticipated owing to excessive moisture; 7 cases of cholera; fever and small-pox continue.
Nagpur (Aug. 18th)	4·35	Cotton and jowar suffered from continuous rain; cholera continues; prices rising.
Wardha "	3·20	Prospects fair; cholera continues.
Nimar "	·92	Weeding commenced; 96 cases of cholera, 46 fatal; prices fallen.
Hoshangabad "	4·74	A break wanted; 27 cases of cholera, 15 fatal.
Betul "	4·77	A break wanted; 37 cases of cholera, 19 fatal.
Narsinghpur "	3·	A break wanted; 19 cases of cholera, 8 fatal.
Jubbulpore "	3·10	A break wanted; health good; prices rising.
Saugor "	4·29	Jowar and cotton damaged owing to excessive rains; rabi ploughing stopped; prices stationary.
Seoni "	1·60	Transplanting rice continues; prospects good; fever and bowel-complaint prevalent.
Damoh (19th)	1·30	A break wanted; prices stationary.
Mandla "	4·	A break wanted; small-pox continues; prices stationary.
		General Remarks.—Excessive rain has injured jowari in low lands, and a break is wanted in the Narbada Valley, Saugor and Damoh. Prospects of rice crops good.
British Burmah—		
Arakan (August 18th)	5·0 in Akyab.	In Akyab public health good.
Pegu "	25 inches over last year in Rangoon District.	Public health good. In Rangoon district cattle disease still prevalent; crops favourable. Inundations excessive in the Thayetmyo, Henzada and Prome districts; embankments at Kyanghen in Henzada district washed away.
Tenasserim "	Plentiful.	Public health good; fever at Shwegyeen and small-pox at Tavoy; crops flourishing, inundated at Tounghoo.
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (August 19th)	1·32 in Bangalore Cantonment.	Cholera confined still to Mysore district; 63 deaths up to date; want of rain felt generally; crops suffering in parts.
Coorg "	6·15	Health good.
Assam—		
Gauhati (August 19th)	1·34	Mornings overcast and cool, with occasional slight rainfall; days clear and hot; transplanting operations going on; season for tea favourable; public health good.
Sylhet "	2·67	Weather rainy; rice market steady; transplanting of shali crop progresses.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (August 19th)	·05	Cholera increasing in Woon district, decreasing in other districts; crops in good condition.
Rajputana—		
Sirohi (August 16th)	·80	Prospects and health good; weather seasonable.
Aboo (19th)	·97	Total rainfall up to date 65·67.
Meywar (13th)	1·3	Wells and tanks full; health good; makai crops threatened by too much rain and want of sunshine; prospects still good; weather cloudy, with occasional sunshine.
Bickanere (July 31st)	From 27th to 28th 2·90	Good deal of rain reported from districts; sowing progressing; prices decreasing; health fair.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Rajputana—*continued.*		
Harowtee States.		
Ulwar (August 18th)	2·08	Temperature 84°; crops doing well; cholera still prevalent.
Jeypore (19th)	1·50	Prospects continue favourable; health good.
Ajmere "	1·1	Weather favourable for crops; health good; tanks not full.
Bhurtpore "	2·24	Crops progressing; weather favourable.
	*	*General Remarks.*—General prospects good; weather clearing.
Central India—	*	
Indore (August 18th)	·64	Damage in Baghelkund from floods; agricultural prospects improving in Malwa; cholera still sharp in places.
Gwalior "	1·46	
Neemuch "	*Nil*	
Rutlam "	·94	
Baghelkhund " / Sutna "	4·30	
Bhopal Agency.		
Sehore (August 7th)	1·	
Beorah "	5·1	
Bhilsa "	4·5	
Nursingurh "	4·	
Nepal— (August 11th)	1·65	Mere rain needed in the hills; Indian corn crop in the Bara and Pursah districts of the Terai very deficient; cholera increasing in Katmandoo.

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Secretary to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Council of the Governor General of India, assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 24 & 25 Vic., Cap. 67.

The Council met at Simla on Thursday, the 19th August 1875.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, G. M. S. I., *presiding.*

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, G. C. B., G. C. S. I.

Major-General the Hon'ble Sir H. W. Norman, K. C. B.

The Hon'ble Arthur Hobhouse, Q. C.

The Hon'ble Sir W. Muir, K. C. S. I.

The Hon'ble Ashley Eden, C. S. I.

The Hon'ble Sir A. J. Arbuthnot, K. C. S. I.

Colonel the Hon'ble Sir Andrew Clarke, R. E., K. C. M. G., C. B.

The Hon'ble Sir Douglas Forsyth, K. C. S. I.

The Hon'ble T. C. Hope.

CENTRAL PROVINCES LAWS BILL.

The Hon'ble SIR D. FORSYTH introduced the Bill to declare and amend the law in force in the Central Provinces, and moved that it be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report in two months. He said that when he had asked for leave to introduce the Bill, he explained that the Central Provinces was composed of various territories, the different Regulations applying to which were in some confusion, and that the present Bill, which was now prepared at the desire of the Local Government and to a great extent by the Judicial Commissioner, was intended to remove all doubts and difficulties with reference to the application of those laws.

The Bill was exceedingly short, and contained only ten sections. It repealed certain obsolete enactments, and declared what laws were in force throughout the Central Provinces. In order to preclude doubts which might arise from the way in which additions had from time to time been made to those Provinces, section 4 made the following declaration:—

"Every Act of the Governor General in Council which extends, or can by notification be extended, to the territories which were under the administration of the said Chief Commissioner at the time of the passing thereof, shall extend, or may by notification be extended, as the case may be, to all the territories now under the administration of the said Chief Commissioner."

There were no special laws applicable to the Central Provinces, as was the case in the Panjáb, such as the law of pre-emption, or the law relating to vagrants; and the work of the Committee, to whom he trusted this Bill would be referred, would consist chiefly in overhauling the different Acts and Regulations in the Schedules to see that they were correct. The Bill left untouched the revenue system of the Central Provinces, which would probably be dealt with by some other enactment.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble SIR D. FORSYTH moved that the Bill be published in the *Central Provinces Gazette* in English and such other languages as the Local Government might think fit.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

OPIUM BILL.

The Hon'ble SIR W. MUIR moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Opium. He said that the law was defective in various parts of India in respect of the control which the Government should have over the growth, manufacture, possession and transport of opium. In Bombay the cultivation of opium was prohibited, and its transport was practically under check; but the legal power for enforcing the action of the State in the matter was imperfect. In Madras, where the same practice prevailed, the state of things was still more defective, there being no law to enable the State to interpose in respect to the cultivation, manufacture, possession and transport of opium. Both these Administrations had had it in contemplation to introduce projects of law to remedy the want; but the subject of opium being an imperial one, it was thought better that the law should be uniform throughout India, and they were therefore requested to stay their action in respect to the introduction of the Bills which they had before them. The law was also in some respects uncertain in other parts of British India, that was to say, with regard to the new Administrations which had been formed in recent times. Advantage would be taken in the Bill to remove these doubts by having a uniform law which would be applicable to the whole country, and which would give the authorities the necessary power to interpose in the matter as he had explained. Opium being the subject of imperial revenue, there appeared no doubt that the proposed legislation should be by this Council, and should be also of an imperial character. At their next meeting he would take the opportunity of introducing the Bill and of explaining the provisions of the proposed measure.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The following Select Committee was named:—

On the Bill to declare and amend the law in force in the Central Provinces—The Hon'ble Messrs. Hobhouse and Hope and the Mover.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 2nd September 1875.

SIMLA,
The 19th August 1875.

WHITLEY STOKES,
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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 26TH AUGUST 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—More rain is wanted in Bombay, and in Sindh caterpillars and rats are injuring the crops; but prospects are still generally good. In Bengal also more rain is wanted in the Central districts, but the prospects of the main rice crop and of the *rabi* crops are good. The early rice crop has suffered in many districts from the floods, and the yield of indigo is uneven. In Mysore and Coorg and in Nepal also the want of rain is much felt. On the other hand in the North-Western Provinces a break in the rains, which was much wanted, seems to have set in generally. In the Central Provinces also a break is greatly wanted: the autumn crops have suffered from excessive rain, but in the rice districts prospects are good. In Madras, the Punjab (where there has been a break in the rains), Oudh, British Burmah (where the floods are subsiding), Assam, Berar, Rajputana and Central India, prospects are generally satisfactory.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (August 26th)	No rain in Masulipatum. and Rewarri.	Rain very slight elsewhere; 5 feet 7 inches of water above anicut; canals full, except two that breached; early crops sown; transplanting progressing; early crops require more rain in Bapatha and Palnad; markets well supplied locally; prices steady; mild small-pox and fever in four taluks; cattle disease slight in three taluks; pasture sufficient.
Kurnool (25th)	No rain in Kurnool, nor in three taluks.	Rain slight in others; standing crops suffering from want of rain in Sirwill and Pattikonda, good elsewhere; market moderately supplied; prices rising in Nundial and Markapur, steady in other taluks; fever and small-pox prevalent; cattle generally healthy; water and pasture sufficient; one foot water over Sunkesala anicut yesterday.
Tanjore (26th)	1·99 at Negapatam.	Rain elsewhere insufficient; water supply in rivers moderate, in tanks scanty; water over upper anicut, north branch, 1 foot, south 5 inches; lower, north 4·50 inches, south 4 inches; cultivation wet and a few dry crops; standing crops not thriving in some parts for want of rain; harvest note; market well supplied; prices steady; cholera abating; 343 deaths this week against 362 last week; cattle disease in Sheally, Negapatam and Manargudi; pasture inadequate.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Trichinopoly (August 25th)	Good rain the last few days.	Cholera in town very slight, a few cases in district, principally in Udiarpolliem.
Malabar (26th)	1·29	Rain insufficient; first crop cultivation good; markets well supplied; prices steady; bowel complaint, 22 serious cases and 13 deaths; fever in Ernad and Walluvanad; cattle disease in Wynaad; pasture flourishing. *General Remarks.*—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (August 26th)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (August 25th)	...	River risen 4 inches; caterpillars infest Kurrachee taluka; rats in Jati taluka.
Shikarpur "	...	Weather cooler; river 14 feet 9 inches, which is 1 foot 2 inches higher than last year; fever prevalent.
Hyderabad "	...	River steady; crops well; in Guni taluka rats attacking crops; fever has commenced.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Floods extending slowly; Jacobabad partly surrounded; river falling; damage to kharif crops not fully known.
Gujarat.		
Ahmedabad (August 25th)	·13	Total rainfall 11·66, more needed everywhere; cholera cases 175, deaths 32.
Kaira "	·28	Total rainfall 22·28; more rain required for rice; other crops good.
Surat "	·18	Total rainfall 31·20.
Broach "	·28	Total rainfall 40·20; public health good; slight cholera in Ankleswar; crops thriving.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (August 25th)	...	Rain wanted throughout the Collectorate for kharif and cotton crops; cholera abating, cases 391, deaths 142; cattle disease continues in two talukas.
Nasik "	·17	Total rainfall 27·29; sowing progressing; prospects fair; cholera continues slightly.
Konkan.		
Tanna (August 25th)	·34	Total rainfall 85·22; transplantation of crops completed in almost all talukas; cholera continues slightly in the districts.
Deccan.		
Poona (August 25th)	...	Condition of crops same as before; cholera has not quite disappeared.
Ahmednagar "	·10	Total rainfall 4·32; kharif sowing finished; land unsown in 77 villages in 2 talukas; crops withering in 8, and cholera abating in 6 talukas.
Sholapur "	...	Crops suffering from want of moisture; cholera decreasing.
Satara "	...	Crops flourishing, but have suffered slightly in 3 talukas from excessive rain; slight cholera throughout district.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (August 25th)	·09	Total rainfall 46·40; more rain required in northern and eastern talukas; cholera decreasing; crops good, but damaged by locusts and rats.
Dharwar "	·23	Total rainfall 21·60; kharif crops suffering for want of rain in 6 talukas; ground being prepared for sowing late crops.
Kanara "	1·	Total rainfall 23·8; crops good.
Kaladgi "	·12	Total rainfall 9·56; kharif already sown, but withering for want of rain; cholera in 6 talukas, severe in Indi, 14 cases fatal at Kaladgi and 85 in the district.
Kathiawar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rajkot (August 25th)	·12	Total rainfall 8·61; crops suffering for want of rain; price of grain rising; cholera at Bhounagar and Wala abating.
Wudwan "	·54	Total rainfall 11·35; crops good; cholera cases 5, fatal 3.
Baroda "	2·54	Cotton and kharif crops thriving; public health good. *General Remarks.*—During the past week there has been a general break in the monsoon; prospects generally good.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Aug. 26th)	9·17	Fever has been more prevalent.
Noakhally "	1·73	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	1·3	
Hill Tipperah "	2·18	Public health is good everywhere except in Koilashur where a good deal of fever prevails in the low lands.
Backergunge "	·82	Health of the people is good.
Pureedpore "	1·03	General health good.
Dacca "	1·39	
Tipperah "	6·23	
Mymensingh "	1·04	
24-Pergunnahs "	2·83	Fever increasing at Barripore, ordinary fever prevailing in sub-division Basirhat; two cases of small-pox reported from Satkhira.
Nuddea "	1·87	
Moorshedabad "	·76	Health good.
Jessore "	1·83	
Pubna "	·94	

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*		
Rajshahye (August 26th)	·83	10 cases of cholera have been reported in different places during the week, 5 fatal.
Bogra "	·44	
Maldah "	1·05	Cholera is still present in the English bazaar; in Maldah and Seebgunge thanas 17 attacks and 13 deaths.
Dinagepore "	2·11	
Rungpore "	7·59	
Cooch Behar "	·53	
Jalpaiguri "	5·33	Cholera still continues in two places in the district, a few cases only occurring.
Darjeeling "	4·87	
	Previous week 2·98	
Midnapore "	1·18	
Howrah "	3·10	
Hooghly "	3·13	General health good; small-pox in a few places.
Burdwan "	1·0	Health fair.
Bankoora "	3·19	
Beerbhoom "	2·08	
Sonthal Pergunnahs "	1·22	Cholera disappearing from Deoghur, but reported from a village in Hendowa.
Bhágalpur "	2·46	General health very good, but cholera has broken out in town at head-quarters.
Monghyr "	·72	
Purneah "	3·66	
Darbangah "	2·89	
	Previous week ·99	
Mozufferpore "	1·87	
Sarun "	·78	Cholera still bad in the jurisdiction of Roghonathpore, an outpost of thana Darowli in Sewan sub-division.
Chumparun "	1·84	
Patna "	·81	Health generally good.
Gya "	3·07	A little sickness reported.
Shahabad "	Not received.	
Hazáribágh "	3·29	Cholera abating.
Lohardugga "	6·20	Cholera still prevalent in Palamow.
Maunbhoom "	1·26	
Singbhoom "	2·64	Healthy.
Balasore "	6·50	Cholera has disappeared from the north, while sporadic cases are reported as still frequent in the south.
Cuttack "	2·51	Cholera has almost disappeared.
Pooree "	·38	
		General Remarks.—More or less rain is reported from all the districts of these Provinces during the week under report; but more rain is still wanted in parts of the districts of Burdwan, Bankoora, Dinagepore, Rungpore, Bogra, Cooch Behar, Patna, Gya, Mozufferpore, Sarun, Bhágalpur, Purneah and Maunbhoom. The harvesting of the early rice crop is progressing fast; the outturn is reported to be good. In Moorshedabad the loss of the early rice crop has been considerable, five annas loss at Lalbaugh and four annas at Jungipore. If the rivers continue to fall, a fair crop is expected in the Sudder sub-division. In Maldah the floods have done serious injury, and the total outturn is still uncertain; mulberry has suffered also. Half of the early rice crops has been destroyed in Chittagong; in the hill tracts the Kurnapoolie rose 6 feet above its usual height. Great damage done to plough cultivation in Hill Tipperah; the early rice in the valley of Koilashur has been completely destroyed by inundation, and great damage is reported to have been caused in Oodeypore; the loss is estimated at half in the plains and one-fourth in the hills. In Monghyr the bhadoi crop between the Ganges and the Gunduck has been generally damaged or destroyed by the flood, but the silting deposit on the soil will produce fine rabi crops. The transplantation of the amun or main rice crop is nearly completed in some districts, while more rain is wanted in others to complete it. In Balasore the rainfall not only exceeded the requirement, but has hindered the cultivation; generally speaking, however, it may be said that the prospects of the great rice crop are favourable in most places. Indigo has been an uneven crop this season; in some districts the yield has been a very good one, while in others it was a poor one. Jute is being cut. Sugarcane doing well.
N. W. P.—		
Benares (August 23rd)	Average rainfall 7·50.	There is some appearance of a break, which is much wanted.
Mirzapur (25th)	20·4 at head-quarters; *elsewhere less down to 5·7 at Chunar.*	Some injury in parts from heavy rain; a break required and seems to have arrived; prospects as before.
Azamgarh (24th)	3·7 at head-quarters.	Prospects on the whole still good; some days of clear weather would be beneficial; some early kharif grain crops ripe and ripening; indigo being cut.
Banda (26th)	Average rainfall 3·3.	Some damage to kharif from rain; weather improving.
Hamirpur (26th)	Average rainfall 4·3.	Sunshine much required; fine weather the last three days.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
N. W. P.—*continued.*		
Jhansi (August 24th)	From 17th to 23rd instant, 3·2	Break urgently wanted; kharif prospects depend now on dry weather; rain has prevented bajra sowings.
Agra (25th)	No rain for some days.	Prospects favourable.
Meerut "	...	A break in the rains; prospects good.
Moradabad "	...	A break in the rains; reports good.
Bareilly "	1·1	Prospects good.
Allahabad (26th)	Average rainfall, 6·50	Much recently sown bajra swept away; a break appears now to have set in.
Cawnpore "	Average rainfall, 3·	A break wanted; prospects good.
Almorah "	...	Less rain during past week; crop prospects excellent.
Punjab—		
Delhi (August 25th)	...	No rain; agricultural prospects and health of district good.
Hissar "	...	No rain; strong westerly winds and cloudy weather; sowing in progress; young crops doing well since the ample rainfall; health generally good, though there are still a few cases of cholera.
Umballa "	...	No rain; crops good; cholera not yet entirely disappeared.
Jullundur "	...	No rain; crops good, except where injured by floods; a few cases of cholera, but health generally good.
Lahore "	...	No rain; health and agricultural prospects good.
Rawal Pindi "	·5	Prospects excellent; health good.
Mooltan "	...	No rain; crops under average; health good.
Dera Ismail Khan "	...	No rain; agricultural prospects favourable.
Peshawur "	...	No rain; sowing completed; still slight fever but small-pox abating.
		General Remarks.—Health and agricultural prospects generally good.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (August 25th)	1·7	Public health good; prices stationary; kharif prospects continue favourable.
Sitapur "	2·7	
Fyzabad "	3·2	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (Aug. 21st)	1·27	Prospects favourable; small-pox continues; prices easy.
Sambalpur "	5·97	Prospects good; cholera decreasing.
Bilaspur "	1·8	Prospects favourable; cholera and small-pox continue; prices steady.
Raipur (22nd)	·65	Rainfall ample; prospects good; cholera continues; prices easy.
Chhindwara "	1·96	Prospects unchanged; 222 cases of cholera, 122 fatal.
Chanda "	·04	Prospects good; cholera prevalent; rinderpest continues; prices rising.
Balaghât (23rd)	2·10	Transplantation of rice completed; fever and cattle disease prevalent; prices steady.
Bhandara (24th)	·22	Prospects of rice good; jowar in low lands damaged by over moisture; 24 cases of cholera, 10 fatal; fever and small-pox continue; prices easy.
Nagpur (25th)	·42	Jowar and cotton suffered from over moisture, other crops good; cholera continues; cattle disease prevalent; prices stationary.
Wardha "	1·42	Prospects favourable; cholera increasing.
Nimar. "	1·24	Prospects favourable; 148 cases of cholera, 57 fatal; prices rising.
Hoshangabad "	1·73	Cholera continues.
Betul "	2·97	Crops partially damaged; 77 cases of cholera, 23 fatal.
Narsinghpur "	7·	A break much required; cholera continues.
Jubbulpore "	·95	Health good.
Saugor "	5·11	Crops injured by continuous rain; rabi ploughing stopped; cholera prevalent.
Seoni "	·95	Transplanting of rice continues; prospects and health good.
Damoh "	5·45	A break required; prices stationary.
Mandla "	1·60	A break required; small-pox decreasing; prices stationary.
		General Remarks.—In rice districts prospects good, jowari in low lands injured. In Narbadda Valley and Vindhyan districts a break much wanted, and autumn crops injured. Cholera still prevalent.
British Burmah—		
(Aug. 26th)		
Arakan Division ...	4·5 in Akyab.	Public health good; crops promising.
Rangoon "	...	Sowing impeded by heavy floods; public health good.
Prome "	...	Floods subsiding.
Thayetmyo "	...	River fallen; inundation subsiding; in Thoukwa rainfall heavy; crops good; health good.
Bassein "	...	Public health good.
Shwegyeen "	...	Fever, cholera and small-pox prevail; rainfall plentiful.
Amherst "	...	Fever, cholera and small-pox prevail; crops promise fair.
Tavoy "	...	Cattle disease prevails.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (August 26th)	·22 in Bangalore Cantonment.	Cholera has not extended beyond the Mysore District; 96 deaths up to the 25th instant; want of rain much felt.
Coorg "	1·73	
Assam—		
Gauhati (August 26th)	6·21	Light rains during the early part of the week, heavy continuous rain on the last three days, still continuing; prospects of all crops and tea favourable; public health good.
Sylhet "	12·54	Transplantation of shali crop progresses; price of rice slightly higher; very heavy rains; river risen considerably.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (August 26th)	1·45	Cholera still prevalent in the Woon District, gradually disappearing from other districts of the province; crops in good condition.
Rajputana—		
Sirohi (August 23rd)	...	Tanks and wells fairly filled; health good; prospects fair; more rain required; weather seasonable.
Aboo (26th)	...	No more rain; weather clear and pleasant.
Meywar (20th)	...	Good supply of water; health and prospects good; south-westerly breezes; clear sky and sun.
Marwar (14th)	1·96	Four months' supply in city tanks; well water rising; fever prevalent; prospects much improved and promising.
Harowtee States.		
Deolee (August 14th)	3·4	
Kota "	4·5	
Tonk "	2·5	
Jhalrapatun "	1·8	
Shahapoora "	2·3	
Ulwar (25th)	·72	Temperature 86°; crop prospects favourable; cholera still prevalent.
Jeypore (26th)	0·1	Agricultural prospects unchanged; public health good.
Dholepore ...	...	No rain; sky cloudless; prices of food-grain rising; rain much wanted.
Ajmere ...	...	Strong westerly winds; no rain; health good; crops good.
Central India—		
Indore (August 25th)	1·97	
Gwalior "	·32	
Neemuch "	·10	
Rutlam "	·75	
Baghelkhund " } Sutna " }	1·90	
Bhopal "	3·8	
Rajgarh "	11·6	
Bhilsa "	4·9	
Nursingarh "	3·2	
Kilchipur "	8·6	*General Remarks.*—Cholera decreased in Malwa, some cases in Gwalior; agricultural prospects favourable.
Nepal— (August 18th)	1·4	More rain wanted in the hills; cholera still in Katmandoo and its neighbourhood.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 2ND SEPTEMBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—In Madras the rain has been partial, except in Malabar: most has fallen in the Northern districts: prospects are satisfactory. In Mysore more rain is much wanted. In Sind the river has fallen below last year's level, and unless it rises damage is apprehended to the kharif crops. In Bombay more rain is wanted in Gujarat, Khandesh and Ahmednagar; elsewhere enough has fallen and prospects are fair. In the Central Provinces a break has done good: the prospects of the rice crop are excellent, and those of other crops more promising. In Bengal there has been general and seasonable rain throughout the province: in some of the Eastern districts it has been excessive, floods having stopped rice transplantation; the indigo crop is excellent in Tirhoot, and prospects are generally satisfactory. There has been light rain in most districts of the North-West Provinces, except Bundelkhand, Meerut, Moradabad and Cawnpore: the break has done good generally, but more rain is wanted in Agra, Meerut and Moradabad. In Oudh there have also been light falls, and prospects are good. In the Punjab rain has fallen in Rawalpindi, but not elsewhere, except slight showers in Delhi and Peshawar; prospects are good. In Rajputana the break has been general, rain having fallen only at Mount Abu, in Bickanere and Jhalrapatan: in the Northern States and Ajmere more rain is much required. In Central India rain has failed only at Gwalior, where it is wanted: elsewhere prospects are satisfactory. Reports are good from Assam, Burma and Berar.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (Sept. 2nd)	2·73 at Masulipatam. 6·35 at Repalli. 3·7 at Bapatla. 2·0 at Naudigama.	Rain slight elsewhere; none in Sattanapully and Vissanapett; 3 feet water over anicut; canals full, except those requiring repairs; early crops sown; rain wanted in five taluks; transplanting improving; markets well supplied locally; prices steady; mild small-pox and fever; no cholera; slight cattle disease in five taluks; pasture sufficient.
Kurnool (1st)	1·28 in four days.	Rain good in five taluks, scanty in Sirwell and none in Cumbum and Markapur; crops suffering from want of rain in the last three taluks; markets moderately supplied; prices rising in Cumbum, generally steady elsewhere; fever prevalent; cholera has broken out in Sirwell, Pattikonda, Banganapilli and Kurnool town; 28 attacks and 10 deaths since 18th instant; cattle healthy; water and pasture sufficient; 1·5 feet water over Sunkesala anicut.
Tanjore (2nd)	...	No rain at Negapatam; elsewhere sufficient; water-supply in rivers decreasing, in tanks scanty; water over anicuts none; cultivation wet and dry crops, standing crops not thriving in some parts for want of rain; harvest none; markets well supplied; prices steady; cholera abating; 158 deaths this week, against 343 last week; cattle disease in some localities; pasture procurable.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Trichinopoly (Sept. 1st)	...	Slight rain; water-supply barely sufficient; crops generally good; outturn in two taluks up to average; markets well supplied; prices steady; cholera disappearing, except in Udiarpolliem; condition of cattle good; pasture limited.
Malabar (2nd)	3·43	First crop good; markets well supplied; prices steady; bowel-complaints in Walluvanad and Palghat,—14 serious cases and 7 deaths; cattle disease in Wynaad; pasture flourishing.
		General Remarks.—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Sept. 2nd)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (1st)	...	River on the 30th August 45 inches lower than on the same date last year; cranes damaging rice crops in Shahbandar tapa; weather warm; nights still and close.
Shikarpur "	...	River 12 feet 2 inches, 1 foot 3 inches lower than last year; this fall will damage kharif crops.
Hyderabad "	...	River 2½ feet lower than last week; unless it rises crops will suffer, at present they are well.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Floods extending; height of water decreasing; weather hot; rain expected; kharif crops fair.
Gujarat.		
Ahmedabad (Sept. 1st)	·03	Total rainfall 11·69; crops suffering from drought; rain much needed; cholera cases 80, deaths 22.
Kaira "	·36	Total rainfall 22·64; more rain required; weather sultry.
Surat "	1·91	Total rainfall 33·11.
Broach "	1·96	Total rainfall 42·16; fever in Broach.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Sept. 1st)	2·62 at Dhulia.	Rainfall very seasonable, total 12·96; crops revived and prospering; cholera abating rapidly,—cases 202, deaths 76; cattle disease in 2 pettas.
Nasik "	2·30	Total rainfall 29·59; agricultural prospects fair; cholera continues slightly.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Sept. 1st)	2·45	Total rainfall 87·67; more rain wanted; transplantation of crops completed; cholera slightly prevalent.
Deccan.		
Poona (Sept. 1st)	...	Rain throughout; standing crops well; cholera has not quite disappeared.
Ahmednagar "	3·54	Total rainfall 7·86; crops improving; cholera abating except in two talukas.
Sholapur "	3·2	Total rainfall 12·91, fall general; slight cholera in some talukas, none at Pandharpur.
Satara "	1·33	Total rainfall 33·62; crops good; slight cholera throughout the district.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Sept. 1st)	2·34	Total rainfall 48·74; crops good; more rain required in 2 talukas.
Dharwar "	2·15	Total rainfall 23·75; more rain wanted throughout; early crops good in western talukas, middling in eastern.
Kanara "	5·	Total rainfall 28·8; crops good.
Kaladgi "	·03	Total rainfall 9·59; want of rain felt in all talukas; cholera continues,—36 deaths in 3 talukas, 9 at Kaladgi.
Kathiawar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rajkot (Sept. 1st)	·03	Total rainfall 8·64; the want of rain severely felt throughout the province; weather hot; crops withering.
Wudwan "	·11	Total rainfall 11·46; crops withering for the want of rain; one death from cholera.
Baroda "	·72	Kharif and cotton crops good, except in Okhamandal and Amreli mahals, where want of rain up to date has given rise to serious apprehension; public health good.
		General Remarks.—There has been a serious fall of the river in Sind; more rain is wanted in Gujarat, Khandesh and Ahmednagar; prospects otherwise fair.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Sept. 2nd)	4·32	
Noakhally "	8·40	Fever and spleen cases as usual with some outbreaks of small-pox.
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	4·66	
Hill Tipperah "	8·71	Fever on the increase in the Koilashur Sub-division; in other parts the public health is good.
Backergunge "	1·75	
Fureedpore "	7·71	General health good.
Dacca "	0·22	
Tipperah "	·13	
Mymensingh "	4·60	
24-Pergunnahs "	1·40	Ordinary fever prevailing to some extent in Satkhira, 2 cases of small-pox and 1 case of cholera reported from that sub-division; fever increasing at Barripore.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*		
Nuddea (Sept. 2nd)	3·87	
Moorshedabad "	4·70	Public health is satisfactory.
Jessore "	3·30	
Pubna "	11·18	
Rajshahye "	2·32	No cases of cholera or small-pox reported.
Bogra "	5·76	
Maldah "	2·63	21 deaths from cholera reported during the week.
Dinagepore "	3·16	
Rangpore "	1·89	
Cooch Behar "	6·86	
Jalpaiguri "	2·96	Cholera still continues in two places, but there are only a few cases.
Darjeeling "	5·08	
Midnapore "	0·46	
Howrah "	3·78	
Hooghly "	·80	A little small-pox and a little fever still exist, but general health is good.
Burdwan "	3·48	Fever slightly on the increase.
Bankoora "	8·73	
Beerbhoom "	3·46	
Sonthal Pergunnahs "	3·11	A bad and sudden but short outbreak of cholera in the north of Kandowa, the disease was decreasing by the last report.
Bhágalpur "	2·03	General health is very good, but cholera is increasing in the town and appearing in a few villages in the Banka Sub-division.
Monghyr "	4·60	
Purneah "	2·25	
Darbangah "	3·03	
Mozufferpore "	2·75	
Sarun "	1·23	Cholera still prevalent at Roghonathpore, an outpost of thana Durowli, in the Sewan Sub-division.
Chumparun "	Not received.	
Patna "	·91	Health good.
Gya "	1·15	Cholera reported only from Nubbeenuggur in south-west corner of the district.
Shahabad "	0·78	
	Previous week 2·03	
Hazáribágh "	1·37	Cholera still continues.
Lohardugga "	2·07	Cholera still prevalent but on the decrease.
Maunbhoom "	4·39	
Singbhoom "	2·13	Some cases of cholera have been reported from pergunnah Bamunghatty.
Balasore "	·38	
Cuttack "	1·15	Health of the district fair, but some dengue and low fevers about.
Pooree "	3·14	*General Remarks.*—During the week under report seasonable rain has fallen throughout the districts; in some the fall was excessive. In parts of Noakhally the reaping of the early rice and transplanting of the late rice are stopped in consequence of the heavy rains. The plough cultivators of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, who lost their crops during the late flood, are re-sowing paddy broadcast, although a poor return is anticipated. In Tipperah the flooded tracts, about one-tenth of the entire area of the district, are still under water, and there is but little hope of any rice crop being reaped in those parts. In Moorshedabad the Bhagaruthy is again rising steadily, and the crops on low lands are again under water, and considerable damage is apprehended. In some parts of Maldah the early rice has been damaged by the floods. In the Hajeepoor Sub-division of Mozufferpore considerable damage has also been done by the floods which are annual occurrences. The outturn of indigo is unusually large in Darbangah and Mozufferpore. In pergunnah Soopur in Maunbhoom only one-fourth of the rice cultivation has been completed, and most of the Indian corn and other millets have failed in pergunnah Bagundi. In Pooree the crops in low lands are partially blighted by the floods; the harvesting of the early rice is progressing well, and the outturn is generally good; the transplantation of the late or main rice is still progressing and nearing completion; the prospects are as yet favourable.
N. W. P.—		
Benares (Aug. 30th)	Average rainfall 2·2	Weather during the past week favourable.
Mirzapur* (Sept. 1st)	2· at head-quarters, elsewhere less.	Prospects generally good.
Azamgarh (Aug. 31st)	1·4 at head-quarters.	Reports from all parts of districts favourable; prospects good.
Allahabad "	Average rainfall ·2	Late bajra sowing going on in places; undrowned crops very fine; ploughing for rabi commencing.
Cawnpore (Sept. 1st)	...	Fine weather; crops flourishing.
Banda (2nd)	Average rainfall 1·3	Sama, kakun and cotton crops injured in low lands.

* *Erratum.*—In the weather and crop report, published in the Extra Supplement to the *Gazette of India* of 14th ultimo, the words "kharif crops except sugarcane much injured by recent floods covering more than one-third of the district" entered against Mirzapur should be read as applying to Ghazipur.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
N. W. P.—*continued.*		
Hamirpur (Sept. 2nd)	...	Fine weather throughout the week, doing much good to crops which promise well.
Jhansi (Aug. 31st)	No rain from 21st.	Clear weather; kharif prospects good.
Agra (Sept. 1st)	Slight rain.	More rain wanted.
Meerut "	...	Prospects good, but rain wanted.
Moradabad "	...	No change; more rain desired.
Bareilly "	·3	Prospects good.
Almora (2nd)	...	Only a few heavy showers with plenty of sunshine; very favourable for the crops.
Punjab—		
Delhi (Sept 1st)	Slight rain	Sporadic cholera in city and district, otherwise health good.
Hissar "	*Nil*	Crops progressing, but more rain would be beneficial; cholera still lingers, and cases of fever occurring, otherwise health generally good.
Umballa "	...	Crops good; cholera has not quite disappeared.
Jullundur "	...	Crops good, except where injured by floods; a few cases of cholera, otherwise health good.
Lahore "	...	Health and crops good.
Rawal Pindi "	2·50	Prospects excellent; health good.
Mooltan "	*Nil*	Kharif crops nearly ripe; ploughing for rabi commenced; water in canals subsiding; health good.
Dera Ismail Khan "	...	Health good; harvest prospects favourable.
Peshawur "	·1	Kharif sowing completed; slight fever prevalent; small-pox abating.
		General Remarks.—Agricultural prospects and health of province good.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Sept. 1st)	2·2	Prices stationary; agricultural prospects continue favourable; public health generally good.
Sitapur "	·2	
Fyzabad "	·1	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (Aug. 28th)	·9	Break favourable for weeding; prospects good; small-pox continues; prices easy.
Sambalpur "	·66	Prospects good; cholera continues.
Bilaspur "	1·53	Prospects favourable; cholera continues; prices steady.
Raipur (29th)	·90	Prospects excellent; cholera decreasing; prices easy.
Chanda "	·23	Transplanting rice completed; cholera continues; prices stationary.
Chhindwara "	1·73	Prospects good; kutki cutting; 321 cases of cholera, 174 fatal.
Balaghât (30th)	1·40	Transplanting rice completed; kodo suffered from over-moisture; fever continues; prices stationary.
Bhandara (31st)	1·18	Prospects of rice crops favourable; jowar in low lands suffered; rabi ploughing commenced; fever, small-pox, and cattle disease continue; 68 cases of cholera, 17 fatal; prices easy.
Nagpur (Sept. 1st)	·89	Jowar damaged by over-moisture; other crops good; cholera and cattle disease continue; prices stationary.
Wardha "	·25	Prospects favourable; cholera continues.
Nimar "	·28	Prospects good; 92 cases of cholera, 46 fatal; prices stationary.
Hoshangabad "	*Nil*	Weather hot and close; cholera continues.
Betul "	...	Weather clear; cholera continues.
Narsinghpur "	...	
Jubbulpore "	1·20	Crops promising; health good.
Saugor "	·24	Break beneficial; rabi ploughing continues; cholera prevalent.
Seoni "	2·25	Transplanting rice continues; prospects favourable; health good.
Damoh "	·35	Prospects favourable; prices stationary.
Mandla "	1·20	Prospects favourable; small-pox declining; prices stationary.
		General Remarks.—The prospects of rice are good, and generally things are more promising. Jowar in low lands injured, also cotton in Narbadda Valley. The break in rains has been beneficial.
British Burmah—		
Akyab (Sept. 1st)	6·0	Public heath good; crops promise well
Pegu Division "	Plentiful.	Public health good; crops favourable, except in some portions of the Bassein District.
Tenasserim Division "	Moderate.	Public health good; crops favourable, except in Shwegyeen, inundated at Tounghoo.
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (Sept. 2nd)	2· In Bangalore Cantonment.	Rain still much needed everywhere; cholera appeared in Kolar and Bangalore taluks, spreading also in Mysore District, where 75 deaths have occurred since last week's report.
Coorg "	3·63	

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Assam—			
Gauhati	(Sept. 2nd)	1·21	Weather fine with cool north-east winds; transplanting operations going on; prospects of all crops and tea favourable; public health good.
Sylhet	"	12·53	Weather now fine; nothing new.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—			
Umraoti	(Sept. 2nd)	·50	Kharif crops in good condition; cholera throughout Woon district; lingering still in the other districts.
Rajputana—			
Sirohi	(Aug. 30th)	...	No rain since 12th; health good; total rainfall 16·84.
Aboo	(Sept. 2nd)	3·46	Total rainfall 69·41; bright mornings; cloudy afternoons; weather warm.
Meywar	(Aug. 27th)	*Nil*	Tanks and wells in good supply; total rainfall 15·2; health and prospects good; sunshine and clouds; rain required.
Marwar	(21st)	...	No rain nor signs; weather quite clear; south-westerly winds; total rainfall 8·46; tanks subsiding but wells rising; fever prevalent; prospects good.
Bickanere	"	1·96	Total rainfall 6·29; health fair; prospects favourable; prices decreasing.
Harowtee States.			
Deolee	(Aug. 28th)	*Nil*	
Kota	"	...	
Tonk	"	*Nil.*	
Shahapoora	"	*Nil.*	
Jhalrapatun	"	·25	Health good; rain wanted.
Ulwar	(Sept. 1st)	*Nil.*	Thermometer 92°; crops promising, but late sowing wants rain badly; cholera decreasing.
Bhurtpore	(2nd)	...	Slight showers on 31st August; strong sun during day; nights oppressively close; rain much wanted; cholera and fever prevalent.
Jeypore	"	A few drops of rain.	Rain much needed; clouds hanging about; health good.
Ajmere	"	...	Some fatal cases of cholera; weather hot, and parching up crops; rain much wanted.
Central India—			
Indore	(Sept. 1st)	·10	
Gwalior	"	*Nil.*	
Neemuch	"	1·30	
Rutlam	"	2·8	
Baghelkhund	"	·20	
Sutna	"		
Bhopal Agency.			
Bhopal	(Aug. 21st)	2·6	
Rajgarh	"	8·9	
Bhilsa	"	5·6	
Nursingarh	"	4·9	
Kilchipore	"	1·5	

General Remarks.—Rain wanted at Gwalior; crops suffering; a few cases of cholera there. In Malwa health good, though rain is much needed in places.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 9TH SEPTEMBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—In Madras there has been general rain, slight in the southern districts, though 13 inches fell during the week at Negapatam. In Sind the river is still low and causes some anxiety: elsewhere throughout the Bombay Presidency there have been heavy falls of rain, and prospects are excellent. In the Central Provinces the rain has been general: prospects are good except in the Nerbudda Valley, where excessive rain has damaged the crops. Good rain has fallen in Berar. There has been rain throughout Bengal, heavy in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, Dacca, Cooch Behar, the 24-Pergunnahs, the Sonthal Pergunnahs and Balasore, elsewhere moderate; the prospects of the crops are good, and the harvest of the early rice continues, with an excellent outturn. Rain has fallen generally in the North-West Provinces, except in Banda: it was heavy in the eastern districts: prospects are good. In Oudh rain has fallen except in Sitapur. In the Punjab there has been no rain in Hissar, Lahore, Mooltan, Dera Ismail Khan or Peshawar: elsewhere the fall has been moderate: prospects are favourable. There has been rain throughout Rajputana except in Harowtee, Tonk, Marwar and Bickanere: the anxiety felt for the harvest in Jeypore and Ajmere has been removed. In Central India there has been general heavy rain. In Mysore the fall has been insufficient and more is much wanted. Reports are good from Burma and Nepal.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (Sept. 9th)	2·19 at Masulipatam. 5·2 at Nandigama. About 2 inches elsewhere.	Five and a half feet water above anicut; canals generally full; early crops sown; transplanting improving; sajja in ear; some dry crops in Repalli suffering from grub; markets well supplied locally; prices steady; mild small-pox and fever in six taluks; slight cattle disease in four taluks; pasture sufficient.
Kurnool (8th)	2·11 in four days.	Rain good throughout the district; standing crops in good condition; markets well supplied; prices of rice and paddy falling in Pattikonda, and rising in Sirwell, others generally steady; fever and small-pox prevalent; 22 cases of cholera in Kurnool, 6 fatal; 49 attacks and 24 deaths in four taluks; cattle healthy; water and pasture sufficient; one foot water over Sunkesala anicut yesterday.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Tanjore (Sept. 8th)	13·0 at Negapatam.	Rain elsewhere little and partial; water-supply in rivers slightly increasing, in tanks scanty; water over anicuts none; cultivation wet and dry crops; standing crops not thriving in some parts for want of rain; harvest, a few dry grains in some parts; markets well supplied; prices steady; cholera abating; seizures 243, deaths 184; cattle disease in some localities; pasture insufficient.
Trichinopoly "	...	Rain very slight, much wanted; wet crops fair, dry crops bad; cholera again slightly on increase; cattle healthy; pasture scanty.
Malabar (9th)	2·77	First crop good; markets well supplied; prices steady; bowel complaints in Walluvanad and Palghaut, 37 serious cases and 20 deaths; pasture good. *General Remarks.*—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Sept. 9th)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (8th)	...	River on the 6th 37 inches below last year; crops fair.
Shikarpur "	...	Much want of water; slight damage to crops from insects in Sijáwal; river 11 feet 10 inches, 1 foot above last year; fever prevalent.
Hyderabad "	...	River falling; fear of crops suffering in taluka Badin; weather warm; slight fever prevalent in talukas Tando Alahyar, Natshahro, Hyderabad and Guni.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Dust-storm with hot winds and drops of rain on the 2nd instant; flood fallen considerably but continues flowing; hopes entertained of swamped kharif crops reviving; cough and fever prevailing.
Gujarat.		
Ahmedabad (Sept. 8th)	6·07	Total rainfall 17·76; much improvement in crops and public health; cholera cases 28, deaths 5.
Kaira "	6·77	Total rainfall 29·41; crops and public health good.
Surat "	5·62	Total rainfall 38·73.
Broach "	9·74	Total rainfall 53·90; bajri crops injured by excessive rain.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Sept. 8th)	2·64 at Dhulia.	Total rainfall 15·60; crops good, but slightly affected by excessive moisture above Bhaliagaon and Bhadgaon; cholera nearly extinct,—cases 42, deaths 24; cattle disease in 3 talukas.
Nasik "	3·19	Total rainfall 32·78; heavy fall throughout the Collectorate; crops suffering in two talukas from excessive moisture; prospects in others fair; cholera continues slightly.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Sept. 8th)	7·60	Total rainfall 95·27; crops thriving; cholera slightly prevalent.
Deccan.		
Poona (Sept. 8th)	3·82	Total rainfall 30·71; standing crops doing well; cholera has not quite disappeared.
Ahmednagar "	4·9	Total rainfall 11·95; crops good; cholera increasing in 3 talukas, decreasing in others.
Sholapur "	3·93	Total rainfall 16·84; kharif improving; rabi sowing commenced in Pandharpur; slight cholera prevalent.
Satara "	·72	Total rainfall 34·34; crops partly suffered from excessive rain; slight cholera prevalent.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Sept. 8th)	1·70	Total rainfall 50·44; cholera in Athni, Chipori and in villages near Belgaum; crops doing well.
Dharwar "	·64	Total rainfall 24·39; early crops good, sowing of late ones progressing; rain wanted in Karajgi taluka and Sawanur State.
Kanara "	3·50	Total rainfall 98·50; season good.
Kaladgi "	2·31	Total rainfall 11·90; the fall was general; kharif doing well; cotton sowing commenced; cholera prevalent except in Hungund, 108 deaths.
Kattywar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rájkot (Sept. 8th)	3·59	Total rainfall 12·23; the fall was general; fears of scarcity of grain removed.
Wadhwán "	2·15	Total rainfall 13·61; crops good; cholera cases 23, deaths 9. *General Remarks.*—There has been a very heavy fall of rain in the last week, which has made prospects excellent, except in Sind, where the state of the river still causes some anxiety.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Sept. 9th)	1·19	
Noakhally "	1·61	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	6·87	
Hill Tipperah "	2·46	
Backergunge "	·11	
Fureedpore "	2·62	General health good.
Dacca "	3·89	
Mymensingh "	·97	
Tipperah "	2·37	
24-Pergunnahs "	4·56	Fever increasing at Barripore; 1 case of cholera reported from Satkhira.
Nuddea "	·78	
Moorshedabad "	2·93	Health good.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*			
Jessore	(Sept. 9th)	·65	
Pubna	"	1·61	
Rajshahye	"	1·65	Four cases of cholera reported during the week, 3 recovered.
Bogra	"	1·75	
Maldah	"	1·38	Twenty-nine attacks of small-pox and 4 deaths from cholera reported during the week.
Dinagepore	"	•1·6	Much sickness; fever at head-quarters.
Rungpore	"	1·56	
Cooch Behar	"	7·27	
Jalpaiguri	"	•·64	Cholera still continues; a few cases here and there.
Darjeeling	"	·97	
Midnapore	"	·77	
Howrah	"	·77	
Hooghly	"	1·86	General health not quite so good; a little small-pox still; fever slightly on the increase.
Burdwan	"	2·12	
Bankoora	"	·43	
Beerbhoom	"	1·54	
Sonthal Pergunnahs	"	3·64	Cholera still in the Deoghur country.
Bhágalpur	"	2·08	General health very good.
Monghyr	"	·71	
Purneah	"	·41	
Darbangah	"	·40	
Mozufferpore	"	·57	
Sarun	"	1·41	
Chumparun	"	1·18	
		Previous week 1·17	
Patna	"	·83	Health generally good.
Gya	"	·95	Cholera almost disappeared.
Shahabad	"	·56	
Hazáribágh	"	1·09	Cholera abating.
Lohardugga	"	·26	Cholera still prevalent in Palamow.
Maunbhoom	"	·84	
Singbhoom	"	·28	Few cases of cholera in pergunnah Bamunghatty are still reported, but the rest of the district is healthy.
Balasore	"	4·57	Cholera has at length disappeared.
Cuttack	"	2·62	Public health is not very good; low fevers, dengue and a little cholera still about; a little cattle disease in Thanas Barisal, Bowfal, Gulsakhali and Baramuddi.
Pooree	"	·24	
			General Remarks.—More or less rain has fallen in all parts of Bengal. Shocks of earthquake on the 3rd instant reported from several districts. The harvesting of the early rice still continues, and the outturn is very fair; upon an average the prospects of the bhadoi crops are on the whole good. The harvesting has commenced in places in Chumparun; this crop is said to be the best ever known in the district; the transplantation of the main rice crop is all but complete, and the prospects are favourable. The plough cultivators of the Chittagong Hill Tracts have re-sown parts of their rice land on which the previous sowings have been destroyed; the flooded tracts of Tipperah still continue under water. Jute is being cut. About 8,000 bigahs of standing crops in Sarun have been inundated by the bursting of the Gunduck embankments.
N. W. P.—			
Benares	(Sept. 6th)	3·3 in districts north of Ganges.	Rice and other crops have suffered from excessive rain; reports from south of Ganges favourable.
Mirzapur	(8th)	5·6 at head-quarters, elsewhere less.	Crops good except where drowned last month.
Azamgarh	(7th)	2·1 at head-quarters.	Prospects good.
Allahabad	"	Average rainfall 1·7, chiefly on the 6th instant.	Late bajra sowing going on in places; undrowned crops very fine; ploughing for rabi commencing.
Cawnpore	(8th)	Average rainfall ·4	Weather most favourable.
Banda	(9th)	...	Dry weather during the past week has done good; kankun being cut.
Hamirpur	"	Average rainfall 1·0	Prospects good.
Jhansi	(7th)	·8 on the 6th instant.	Rice prospects bad; other crops good.
Agra	(8th)	From ·5 to 5·4	Prospects good.
Meerut	"	...	Prospects good; rains set in again.
Moradabad	"	...	Slight tantalizing rain.
Bareilly	"	1·8	Prospects continue good.
Almora	(9th)	...	Weather showery and very favourable for the crops.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—		
Delhi (Sept. 8th)	1·9	Crops flourishing; cholera decreasing; health of district generally good.
Hissar "	*Nil*	Rain now wanted for young crops, water in canal having become deficient; health generally good, but few cases of cholera in the district, where fever is also on the increase.
Umballa "	1·	Crops good; cholera still prevalent.
Jullundur "	·4	Crops good; cases of cholera in Kartarpur, health otherwise good.
Lahore "	*Nil*	Crops good; some cases of cholera in villages and three in Lahore, otherwise health good.
Rawal Pindi "	1·	Agricultural prospects excellent; health good.
Mooltan "	*Nil.*	Kharif crops nearly ripe; ploughing for rabi in progress; health good.
Dera Ismail Khan "	...	Health good; harvest prospects fair.
Peshawur "	...	Kharif sowing completed; fever commencing.
		General Remarks.—Though cholera still prevails in certain localities, the health of the province is generally good; agricultural prospects favourable.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Sept. 8th)	2·7	Prices stationary; agricultural prospects favourable; public health generally good.
Sitapur "	*Nil.*	
Fyzabad "	2·3	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (Sept. 4th)	3·64	Prospects favourable; small-pox continues; prices easy.
Sambalpur "	·25	Crops doing well; rain wanted; cholera continues.
Bilaspur "	1·21	Prospects favourable; cholera continues; prices easy.
Chanda "	1·94	Crops doing well; cholera continues.
Raipur (5th)	1·88	Prospects favourable; cholera decreasing; prices easy.
Chhindwara "	2·34	Prospects continue good; 200 cases of cholera, 93 fatal; prices steady.
Balâghât (6th)	2·40	Transplanting rice completed; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Bhandara (7th)	3·45	Rice crops favourable; jowar partially injured; rabi ploughing retarded owing to continuous rain.
Nagpur (8th)	2·20	Jowar injured by over moisture, other crops doing well; cholera and cattle disease continue.
Nimar "	1·27	Prospects favourable; 67 cases of cholera, 36 fatal; prices stationary.
Hoshangabad "	4·47	Cholera continues.
Betul "	2·14	Weeding progressing; cholera continues.
Wardha "	2·20	Prospects fair; cholera continues.
Jubbulpore "	·80	Rain opportune; health good.
Saugor "	2·80	A break wanted; rabi ploughing progressing; cholera continues.
Seoni "	3·20	Rabi ploughing commenced; fever and bowel complaint prevalent.
Damoh "	1·30	Prospects good; prices stationary.
Mandla "	1·	Prospects good; small-pox declining; prices stationary.
Narsinghpur "	2·	Prospects gloomy; cholera continues.
		General Remarks.—Prospects everywhere good for rice; jowari injured in low lands; on the whole, except in the Narbada Valley, prospects fair, there rain excessive.
British Burmah—		
Arakan Division— (Sept. 8th)	...	Public health good; rain moderate; crops promise well.
Rangoon "	...	Public health good; crops retarded by floods; slight cattle disease.
Thonkwa "	...	Public health and crops good.
Bassein "		
Thayetmyo "	...	River rising higher than in 1874.
Henzada "	...	Public health good; crops progressing.
Prome "	...	Health and crops good; two cases of small-pox.
Tenasserim Division "	...	Public health good; half crops expected at Shwe-gyeen; at Amherst crops inundated; reports favourable from other districts.
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (Sept. 9th)	·45 in Bangalore Cantonment.	Rain much wanted; scarcity at Mysore; crops suffering; cholera extending its area but inactive except at Mysore, where average daily deaths in past week were nearly twenty; population 57,000.
Coorg "	4·39	Public health and crops good.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (Sept. 9th)	3·75	Cholera gradually subsiding, though prevalent in mild form in the Woon District; kharif crops in good condition.
Rajputana—		
Sirohi (Sept. 6th)	1·	Total rainfall 17·84; health good; prospects improved since rain; weather sultry.
Aboo (9th)	3·64	Total rainfall 72·95; weather cloudy with mists; more rain expected.
Meywâr (3rd)	1·9	Total rainfall 17·1; health and prospects good; sunshine and occasional showers.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Rajputana—*continued.*		
Marwar (Aug. 28th)	...	Rain much needed both for present and future harvests; oppressive heat indicative of rain; health good; total rainfall 8·46.
Bickaneere "	...	No more rain; crops progressing; sowings completed; health good.
Harowtee States.		
Harowtee Tonk	*Nil.*	Rain everywhere much required; cholera decreasing at Tonk.
Ulwar (Sept. 8th)	1·75	Temperature 85°; cholera decreasing; crops promising.
Bhurtpore (9th)	2·45	Winds easterly; fever prevalent.
Jeypore "	1·3	Rain generally throughout the district; all anxiety removed; health good.
Ajmere "	...	Seasonable rain secured harvest, still raining; cholera diminishing; public health otherwise good.
Central India—		
Indore (Sept. 8th)	5·79	Rain fall has been heavy; cholera decreasing.
Gwalior "	1·90	
Neemuch "	3·40	
Baghelkhund "	·90	
Sutna "		
Bhopal Agency.		
Bhopal (Aug. 28th)	1·8	
Rajgarh "	*Nil*	
Bhilsa "	·07	
Nursingarh "	*Nil*	
Kilchipur "	2·1	
Nepal— (Sept. 1st)	4·4	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera not abated.
Assam—		
(Received too late for inclusion in the General Remarks.)		
Gauhati (Sept. 9th)	·08	Weather more or less settled; fine cool north-east winds; shocks of earthquake on 3rd and subsequent days; transplanting operations going on; prospects of crops and tea favourable; no cattle disease; public health generally good.
Sylhet "	4·27	Aus crop being reaped; price of rice slightly fallen owing partly to importation, partly to aus crops coming into market; small-pox declining.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Council of the Governor General of India, assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 24 & 25 Vic., Cap. 67.

The Council met at Simla on Thursday, the 2nd September 1875.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, G. M. S. I., *presiding*.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, G. C. B., G. C. S. I.

Major-General the Hon'ble Sir H. W. Norman, K. C. B.

The Hon'ble Arthur Hobhouse, Q. C.

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The Hon'ble Ashley Eden, C. S. I.

The Hon'ble Sir A. J. Arbuthnot, K. C. S. I.

Colonel the Hon'ble Sir Andrew Clarke, R. E., K. C. M. G., C. B.

The Hon'ble Sir Douglas Forsyth, K. C. S. I.

The Hon'ble T. C. Hope.

OPIUM BILL.

The Hon'ble SIR W. MUIR introduced the Bill to amend the law relating to Opium, and moved that it be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report in three months. He said that in accordance with the permission he had received at the last meeting of the Council, he had now the honour to introduce the Bill to amend the law relating to Opium. On that occasion he had explained the necessity which existed for the measure. The provisions were very simple. Under section 3 it was proposed to enact that the cultivation and manufacture of opium, its possession, transport or sale, should be permitted only in accordance with rules framed under the Act; and by section 4 the Local Governments were empowered, with the sanction of the Governor General in Council, to make such rules. The remainder of the Bill provided appropriate penalties for contravention of the law. These were in accordance with the provisions of the law as they now existed in Bengal for the control of the cultivation, possession, transport and sale of opium.

The present measure had no bearing whatever on the system for realizing the Government revenue from opium. Although the measures now proposed had heretofore been in force only on this side of India, yet they were equally required everywhere. The advocates of the Bombay system, under which the Government revenue was realized by an export duty, disapproved of the State manufacture and monopoly prevailing in Bengal, and desired that endeavour should be made to substitute the export-duty arrangement for it; and he himself had long shared these views. But if such experiment were to be made to-morrow in any part of Behar, the North-Western Provinces or Oudh, it would be necessary to have equally stringent checks as now existed in Bengal—perhaps checks of even greater stringency—for controlling the cultivation and manufacture, the possession, transport and sale of opium; and these checks were equally required under the existing system in Bombay and Madras. The Bill therefore, as now introduced, had no reference whatever to the policy of the Government in this respect, either one way or the other.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble SIR W. MUIR also moved that the Bill be published in the several *Gazettes* of the Local Governments in English and such other languages as the Local Governments might think fit.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

MERCHANT SEAMEN'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Merchant Seamen. He said that the Council were aware that we had already upon the stocks a Bill for the general consolidation of our law relating to Merchant Shipping and for introducing certain amendments into it. But that Bill had been suspended, owing to the delay in proceeding with a similar Bill which was before the British Parliament. The subject was one in which it was necessary that the Indian legislation should be framed very carefully with reference to the Imperial legislation, because, not only was the subject-matter closely related, but the Imperial Acts, to a great extent, included India, and therefore we had Imperial laws in working, and in detailed working, in India. Some of those laws were subject to the operations of this legislature; others of them were not, and therefore we had to be exceedingly careful in all our legislation to see what was the course of legislation in England. Under those circumstances the Secretary of State was of opinion, some years ago, that we had better not proceed with our general consolidation Act, and it was waiting at this moment for the action of the British Parliament. From time to time, however, isolated matters had arisen with regard to which it was desirable to amend the law; and the Council would remember that only in the beginning of this year we passed an Act for the purpose of amending our Merchant Shipping Act with reference to one separate but important topic, namely, the constitution of tribunals for enquiries into casualties affecting ships and the conduct of officers.

There were one or two other points, none of them perhaps of very much importance, but all requiring some amendment of the law, with which we found ourselves in a position to deal. Therefore we thought it better to deal with those as the opportunity had arisen instead of waiting, perhaps for two or three years, until we were enabled to consolidate the whole of the law. He would just mention the principal of those topics.

One related to the subject of distressed seamen. In the English Acts there were certain provisions which enabled the Governments of all British possessions to send British seamen, who were in a state of distress, back to England on board British ships, and to provide for the payment of the expenses out of certain funds over which the Board of Trade had control. Well, it had been found that disputes arose with respect to the fact whether a seaman was a distressed seaman or not, and it had occurred that the Master of the vessel objected to receive the seaman on the ground that he was not. It was obvious that such a dispute might arise in any case, and when those disputes had once arisen, they had a great tendency to multiply themselves. They all arose under a critical state of circumstances; that was, when a ship was just going to sail, and when it was very inconvenient to decide the dispute by any lengthened process. Therefore it was proposed in the first place to provide a summary method of deciding such disputes, and, in the second place, to impose a penalty payable in India on the Master of any vessel who, after the proper certificate was given that the seaman was a distressed seaman, declined to receive him on boardship.

The next topic related to the discharge of seamen, and to seamen who were imprisoned in India. It was obvious that if there was an unlimited power of discharging British seamen in foreign countries, a great many of them would simply become a burden upon the society of the country where they were discharged. Now the English Merchant Shipping Act provided, in order to meet that difficulty, that no seaman should be discharged without the sanction of certain authorities in the country where it was proposed to discharge him. But that mere requisition of sanction had been found insufficient. There was no penalty attached to it which we could enforce in this country, and besides that, there had been disputes of rather a grave nature respecting the power of the authority in question to withhold his sanction under certain circumstances; that was to say, it had been disputed whether it was a purely discretionary power, or a ministerial power which he was compelled, as a public servant, to exercise under certain circumstances. We proposed therefore, in the first place, to make our law quite clear upon that subject, and to put it beyond doubt that the power was simply a discretionary power. He (MR. HOBHOUSE) believed it to be a discretionary power according to the present law. It was certainly held so in England, and the

Board of Trade had issued instructions in which they had asserted that the matter was one beyond dispute. The matter, however, was not beyond dispute in India, for a judgment had been passed by one Court of Law, luckily opposed by the judgment of another, to the effect that the power was a ministerial and not a discretionary power. It was proposed however to make that point clear. It was also proposed to add a penalty payable in India in case the Master of a ship discharged any seaman without the requisite sanction.

But one great temptation for the discharge of seamen here was found to be the unlimited facility that existed for getting lascars to serve on boardship for the voyage home. Some Masters preferred to have those lascars, partly because they were less expensive than seamen, partly for other reasons; and therefore it was proposed by the Government of Bombay (and their suggestion was adopted) that power should be given to the Local Governments to prohibit the engagement of Native seamen without sanction from the Government; at all events in cases in which British seamen had been discharged. That, it was conceived, would strike at the root of the evil.

Another mode in which British seamen were detached from their ships was when they got into prison, and it was alleged that the Masters who desired to get rid of men preferred complaints against them for breaches of discipline and other petty offences, which probably would not have been preferred if the Masters did not desire to get rid of their men. Now in section 88 of Act I of 1859, power was given to Magistrates to release all sailors imprisoned for breaches of discipline if the Masters of the ships were willing to take them back; but it was often found that the Masters were not willing to take them back: in fact, the very object of getting them into prison was that they should be there when the ship was sailing, in order that the ship might obtain lascars and so depart from India. That mischief would partly be met by the proposal that the Government should have a veto on the engagement of Native seamen; and it was proposed further to meet it by giving power to Port authorities to call upon Masters to accept back those seamen who were imprisoned for petty offences, and if they did not choose to accept them back, to require them to deposit a sufficient sum to cover the expense of the subsistence of the men during their stay in India, and of their passage home. That, it was thought, would be a test of the *bona fides* of the objection to receive back the men.

Then, with regard to the subject of desertions, there was at present a defective machinery for giving notice to the Government of desertions directly they took place, and we proposed to require Masters of ships to inform Government whenever a desertion took place. We proposed also that, when a sailor was imprisoned for desertion, the Master should deposit in the local Shipping Office his wages and effects, and that there should be some machinery for settling claims between Masters and men.

Another topic we proposed to deal with was the increase of space on board ships. It seemed to be the prevailing opinion that the present law did not provide a sufficient amount of space. It was not intended to introduce any new principle of legislation on this point. Measurements of space were given by the present Merchant Shipping Act, and it was proposed slightly to increase the space required.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

BURMA COURTS BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE also presented the Final Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Courts in British Burma.

The following Select Committee was named—

On the Bill to amend the law relating to Opium—The Hon'ble Messrs. Hobhouse, Eden, and Hope, and the Mover.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 16th September 1875.

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The 2nd September 1875.

WHITLEY STOKES,
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Legislative Department.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 16TH SEPTEMBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—In Madras there has been good rain in the north, but scanty in the southern districts: prospects are satisfactory. In Sind the river is still falling and many canals have failed: great damage to the kharif crops is reported. There has been general moderate rain throughout the Bombay Presidency, except in Satara, where a fall of 15½ inches has caused some damage to houses and crops: prospects are good. In the Central Provinces the rain has been heavy and continued: the rice crops are doing well, but other staples have been injured by the rain; and in the northern districts preparations for the *rabi* have been retarded. In Bengal general rain has fallen in all districts: the early rice harvest still continues, with a good yield; the prospects of the main rice crop are generally favourable. There has been general rain throughout the North-West Provinces and Oudh: prospects are very good. In the Punjab no rain has fallen in Mooltan and Dera Ismail Khan: the fall has been moderate in the northern districts. In the Delhi and Hissar Divisions and at Jullundur the fall has been extraordinarily heavy (25 inches at Delhi, 17 at Rohtak, 15 at Jullundur): the floods have damaged house property largely and crops to some extent: but the rain has nevertheless been of great benefit. In Rajputana good rain has fallen in the Northern States, none in Bickanere, Deoli, Shahpoora or Tonk: elsewhere it has been moderate: prospects are generally good. There has been heavy rain throughout the Central India States, which has caused some damage to crops. Reports are good from Burmah and Berar. In Assam Proper no rain has fallen and its want is felt. In Mysore the want of rain is great and the prospects of the crops are critical.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (Sept. 16th)	1·17 at Masulipatam. 3·0 at Palnad.	Rain slight elsewhere; canals generally full; 14 feet water over anicut; heavy flood expected; dry crops sown; standing crops good; rain wanted in some taluks; markets well supplied locally; prices steady; public health good; cattle disease in three taluks; pasture sufficient.
Kurnool (15th)	1·29 in four days.	Rain moderate in four taluks; none elsewhere; standing dry crops withering in Markapur for want of rain, good in other places; markets moderately supplied; prices generally steady; fever prevalent; cholera, 29 cases in Kurnool, 3 fatal; 172 cases in five taluks, 96 fatal; water and pasture sufficient, except in Markapur; cattle disease in two taluks; 1·7 foot water over Sunkesala anicut yesterday.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Tanjore (Sept. 16th)	No rain at Negapatam.	Rain elsewhere partial and scanty; water supply in rivers slightly increasing, in some tanks full, in others small; water over upper anicut, south branch, 5 inches; cultivation, wet and dry crops; standing crops not thriving well for want of rain; harvest, a few dry grains in some parts; markets well supplied; prices steady; fever in some parts; cholera much abated, seizures 203, deaths 139; cattle disease in some localities; pasture insufficient.
Trichinopoly (15th)	No rain.	Wells failing in some dry villages; dry crops withering; outturn of rape and gingelly seed up to average; prices slightly risen in the town, elsewhere steady; cholera still increasing in town; cattle healthy; pasture scarce.
Malabar (16th)	0·24	First crop harvest begun; markets well supplied; prices steady; bowel complaint in Palghaut and Tangacheri, 13 cases and 6 deaths; pasture good.
		General Remarks.—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Sept. 16th)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (15th)	...	Gauge at Kotri marked 154 inches on the 13th, shewing a fall of 3 feet since the 6th; estimated loss of crop 6½ annas; heavy rain in Kohistan on the 3rd.
Shikarpur "	...	River 10 feet 4 inches, 2 feet 5 inches less than last year; insufficiency of water all over the district; kharif crops suffering; fever prevails; cattle disease in Kambar taluka.
Hyderabad "	...	River still falling; smaller canals dry; no other change.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	No change; rabi sowings commenced.
Gujarat.		
Ahmedabad (Sept. 15th)	...	Crops good; cholera cases 55, deaths 3.
Kaira "	·03	Total rainfall 29·44; prospects excellent.
Surat "	·33	Total rainfall 39·06.
Broach "	1·07	Total rainfall 54·97; health good.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Sept. 15th	·76 at Dhulia.	Total rainfall 16·36; kharif and cotton crops as before; cholera cases 9, deaths 5; cattle disease in three talukas.
Nasik "	2·40	Total rainfall 35·18; crops suffering in two talukas from excessive rain; prospects otherwise fair; cholera continues slightly.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Sept. 15th)	3·95	Total rainfall 99·22; agricultural prospects fair; slight cholera in four talukas.
Deccan.		
Poona (Sept. 15th)	·78	Total rainfall 31·49; crops well, although injured in some places by heavy rain; cholera slightly exists.
Ahmednagar "	1·46	Total rainfall 13·41; crops well; cholera decreasing except in two talukas.
Sholapur "	·55	Total rainfall 17·39; slight cholera throughout the district.
Satara "	15·50	Total rainfall 49·84; injury from excessive fall to crops and houses in some places; in Satara taluka crops swept away; cholera disappearing.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Sept. 15th)	1·01	Total rainfall 51·45.
Dharwar "	·21	Total rainfall 24·60; more rain wanted in four talukas; early crops good; sowing of late crops progressing; cholera in Ibubari taluka, cases 23, deaths 13.
Kanara "	2·25	Total rainfall 100·75; crops good.
Kaladgi "	·10	Total rainfall 12·; kharif sowing completed; crops thriving; cholera in seven talukas, 114 deaths.
Kattywar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rájkot (Sept. 15th)	...	Crops good; more rain wanted.
Wadhwán "	...	Crops good; one death from cholera.
Baroda "	9·9	
		General Remarks.—The fall in the river in Sind is causing great damage to the crops, the smaller canals being dry; elsewhere prospects very good, except where excessive rain has injured the crops.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Sept. 16th)	4·43	
Noakhally "	3·78	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	3·2	
Hill Tipperah "	1·24	
Backergunge "	3·49	
Furreedpore "	4·61	General health good.
Dacca "	1·77	
Mymensingh "	3·83	
Tipperah "	2·40	
24-Pergunnahs "	·72	Fever increasing at Barripore.
Jessore "	2·38	
Nuddea "	2·30	
Moorshedabad "	2·37	Cholera has appeared in thana Burwa in the Sadr Sub-division, health otherwise good.
Pubna "	2·97	
Rajshahye "	1·97	

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*			
Bogra	(Sept. 16th)	1·73	
Maldah	"	3·31	
Dinagepore	"	2·07	
Rungpore	"	1·13	
Cooch Behar	"	·48	
Jalpaiguri	"	6·75	Cholera seems to have ceased.
Darjeeling	"	6·74	
Midnapore	"	1·24	
Howrah	"	3·67	
Hooghly	"	·59	Fever more prevalent.
Burdwan	"	3·16	Fever slightly increased.
Bankoora	"	2·89	
Beerbhoom	"	1·75	
Sonthal Pergunnahs	"	3·14	Cholera still continues to break out in new places but not very extensively.
Bhágalpur	"	1·35	General health very good; cholera decreasing, but still prevails in the town and a few villages in the Banka sub-division.
Monghyr	"	2·51	Much sickness in the town.
Purneah	"	1·82	
Darbangah	"	3·58	
Mozufferpore	"	1·37	Cholera reported to have broken out again in Belunda thana.
Sarun	"	1·92	General health good.
Chumparun	"	3·8	
Patna	"	3·62	Health generally good.
Gya	"	·90	
Shahabad	"	2·20	Some fever and cholera still hanging about in one or two villages.
Hazáribágh	"	1·34	Cholera nearly disappeared.
Lohardugga	"	9·96	Cholera in Palamow decreasing.
Maunbhoom	"	3·66	
Singbhoom	"	4·18	Cholera in Bamunghatty is reported to have ceased.
Balasore	"	2·29	
Cuttack	"	3·25	Public health good.
Pooree	"	2·24	
			General Remarks.—Seasonable rain has fallen in all the districts. Early rice is still being reaped and the yield is very fair. Upon an average the prospects of the bhadai crops are on the whole good, and it is being harvested in places with good results. The transplantation of the main rice seedlings is still being pushed on, but in a few districts the full area of land has not been planted with rice in consequence of insufficient rain; the prospects of this crop are generally favourable.
N. W. P.—			
Benares	(Sept. 13th)	Average rainfall 1·3.	Rice and other crops have suffered from excessive rain; reports from south of Ganges favourable.
Mirzapur	(15th)	1·2 at Kourh, elsewhere less.	Prospects continue good; river rising.
Azamgarh	"	4·2 at headquarters.	Prospects continue favourable; early kinds of rice being cut; outturn reported good.
Allahabad	"	2·1	Rain still persistently falling.
Cawnpore	"	3·5	Rain most beneficial; prospects good.
Banda	(16th)	Average rainfall 2·4	Cotton reported injured in parts; prospects good.
Hamirpur	"	Average rainfall 2·4	Prospects good.
Jhansi	(14th)	2·9	Prospects good.
Agra	(15th)	From 2 to 7·1	Prospects favourable.
Meerut	"	...	Fine after heavy rain; prospects good.
Moradabad	"	...	Favourable rain; agricultural prospects excellent.
Bareilly	"	1·2	Prospects good.
Punjab—			
Delhi	(Sept. 15th)	25·3	This great rainfall has caused much damage to crops and house property; cholera lingers in city and in one or two villages in the district.
Hissar	"	6·	Crops promising; the heavy rains have saved the kharif, and will prove beneficial to the rabi sowings; health generally good, but fever prevalent in Hissar District.
Rohtak	"	17·	
Umballa	"	4·7	Crops good; cholera still prevalent.
Jullundur	"	15·1	Extensive floods and much damage done to crops and houses; cases of cholera in Kartarpore; health otherwise good.
Lahore	"	1·8	Agricultural prospects good; health generally good, but a few cases of cholera.
Mooltan	"	*Nil*	Indigo crops under sickle; prospects of rabi excellent; health good.
Dera Ismail Khan	"	*Nil.*	Health good.
Peshawur	"	·6	Agricultural prospects favourable; fever prevailing.
			General Remarks.—Rainfall in the southern districts of the Punjab unusually heavy; damage to buildings very great, while crops have also been damaged by the floods. The rainfall in the Hissar Division is greater than has been known for years, but it was needed and all crops there will benefit. General health of the Province good.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Sept. 15th)	3·2	Kharif prospects continue favourable; prices stationary; public health generally good.
Sitapur "	1·8	
Fyzabad "	1·4	
Central Provinces—		
Sambalpur (Sept. 11th)	9·	Rain beneficial; prospects good; cholera decreasing.
Bilaspur "	3·47	Rice crops progressing; cotton suffered; cholera decreasing; prices easy.
Raipur (12th)	·78	Prospects good; cholera decreasing; prices easy.
Chhindwara "	9·33	Jowar damaged; other crops favourable; 124 cases of cholera, 50 fatal; prices steady.
Balaghât (13th)	3·90	Prospects favourable; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Bhandara (14th)	1·77	Rice crops promising; jowar in low lands suffered; rabi ploughing stopped in consequence of continuous rain; cholera, fever and small-pox continue; prices stationary.
Nagpur (15th)	1·27	Jowar suffered by over moisture; other crops good; cholera decreasing; fever prevalent; prices cheaper.
Wardha "	2·	Kharif suffered from too much rain; cholera decreasing.
Nimar "	7·37	Superior crops being cut; cholera decreasing; prices risen.
Hoshangabad "	11·70	Crops damaged; cholera continues.
Betul "	7·45	Cholera continues.
Narsinghpur "	4·	Rain damaged standing crops; cholera disappeared.
Jubbulpore "	7·	Prospects good; 7 deaths from cholera.
Saugor "	2·89	A break wanted; rabi ploughing stopped; cholera and cattle disease continue; prices stationary.
Seoni "	4·75	Rabi ploughing continues; prospects favourable; health good.
Damoh (16th)	9·20	Kharif crops except rice injured; prices stationary.
Mandla "	1·30	Prices stationary.
		General Remarks.—Rice crops promise well, but continued rain injures other standing crops, and prevents land being prepared for rabi partially in Northern Districts.
British Burmah—		
Akyab (Sept. 15th)	...	Public health good; rainfall abundant; crops promise well.
Rangoon "	...	Health good; rain plentiful; crops flourishing; cattle disease prevalent in Myanoung, disappearing in Tharrawaddy.
Bassein "	...	
Henzada "	...	
Prome "	...	Health good; cultivation progressing.
Thayetmyo "	...	Health good, except slight fever; inundation subsiding.
Thonkwa "	...	Rain abundant; crops and health good.
Tenasserim Division "	...	Health good; crops partially inundated.
Amherst "	Abundant.	
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (Sept. 16th)	*Nil.*	Crops suffering from want of rain; cholera still inactive, except at Mysore, where deaths in town and district during the past week averaged 22¾ daily. Epidemic has extended in Tumkur District.
Coorg "	1·4	
		General Remarks.—Prices slightly risen in parts; agricultural prospects not hopeful.
Assam—		
Gauhati (Sept. 16th)	*Nil.*	Weather clear, dry, and hot; transplanting operations of sâli almost finished; prospects of crops not unfavourable, but rain wanted; prospects of tea reported not very cheering; public health good.
Sylhet "	2·93	Rivers falling; weather fine.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (Sept. 16th)	2·60	Province nearly free from cholera, except in one taluk of Woon District; agricultural prospects good.
Rajputana—		
Aboo (Sept. 16th)	1·47	Total rainfall 74·52; weather cloudy with slight mists, more rain probable.
Meywar (10th)	2·3	Total rainfall 19·4; water-supply, health and crops good; sunshine and occasional showers.
Bickanere (4th)	*Nil.*	Weather exceedingly hot; standing crops withering for want of rain.
Marwar (11th)	1·89 since the 4th.	Tanks received two months' additional supply and wells rising; health good; crops much improved, but outturn will not be as abundant as expected.
Harowtee States—		
Deolee (Sept. 4th)	*Nil.*	Cholera at Tonk; health elsewhere good.
Shahpoora "	*Nil.*	
Tonk "	*Nil.*	
Kota "	·40	
Jhallawar "	·50	

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Rajputana—*continued.*			
Ulwar	(Sept. 15th)	2·37	Temperature 84°; prospects of crops excellent; cholera present but decreasing; tanks filled.
Bhurtpore	(16th)	3·45	Weather cloudy; crops progressing favourably; fever still prevalent.
Jeypore	"	3·50	Agricultural prospects excellent; public health good.
Ajmere	"	3·20	Crops satisfactory; cholera not quite gone from Ajmere, none in rest of district; otherwise health good; heavy rains wanted.
Central India—			
Indore	(Sept. 15th)	3·39	Heavy rain has damaged crops, sweeping them away in places; health improving.
Gwalior	"	4·7	
Neemuch	"	6·13	
Rutlam	"	3·7	
Baghelkhund	"	2·60	
Sutna	"		
Bhopal Agency.			
Bhopal	(Sept. 4th)	2·7	
Rajgarh	"	1·2	
Bhilsa	"	2·7	
Nursingarh	"	·04	
Nepal—	(Sept. 8th)	0·35	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera still in the valley and city of Katmandoo.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 23RD SEPTEMBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—In Madras the fall of rain during the week has been scanty: prospects are however generally satisfactory. In Mysore the condition of the crops is still reported to be critical owing to want of rain: 16½ inches are however reported to have fallen at Bangalore. In Sind the river has risen, and rain has also fallen. Elsewhere throughout the Bombay Presidency there has been general and abundant rain, except in Dharwar and parts of the Baroda territory. In Ahmedabad there have been floods: in Broach, Khandesh, and Nasik the cotton is reported to have been injured by excessive rain, and the same cause has slightly damaged the crops in Poona, Ahmednagar and Belgaum; prospects are however generally good. In the Central Provinces and Berar the rain has been general: damage to the cotton crop has been caused by excessive rain in the Nerbudda Valley, and preparations for the *rabi* retarded. In Bengal moderate rain has fallen in all districts, except in Orissa, where it has been heavy: more is said to be wanted in Rungpore, Purneah and parts of Gya: the prospects of the late rice crop continue satisfactory. There has been general rain in the North-West Provinces and Oudh: a break is wanted in Bundelkhand; prospects are generally good. In the Punjab slight rain has fallen in Delhi, Lahore, Rawal Pindi, Mooltan, Dera Ismail Khan and Peshawar: the condition of the crops (where not damaged by floods) is satisfactory. Throughout Central India copious rain has fallen, and in Western Malwa the crops are suffering from its excess. In Assam more rain is wanted. Reports from Burmah are satisfactory.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (Sept. 23rd)	·92 at Masulipatam. 3·5 at Repalli. Slight elsewhere.	Six feet water above anicut; dry crops sown; embankments burst in places; crops recently submerged in parts of Devi and Repalli; markets well supplied; prices steady; small-pox and fever in four taluks; 4 deaths from cholera in Narsaropett; slight cattle disease in four taluks; pasture sufficient.
Kurnool (22nd)	0·76 in three days.	Rain good in two taluks, moderate in five, none in Cumbum; standing crops generally good, except in Markapur, where they are withering from insufficient rain; markets moderately supplied; prices steady; fever prevalent; cholera abating in Kurnool town; 331 attacks and 160 deaths reported in five taluks; water and pasture sufficient; seven feet water over Sunkesala anicut.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Tanjore (Sept. 23rd)	0·87 at Negapatam, elsewhere none.	Water in rivers decreasing; no fresh supply to tanks; water over anicuts none; cultivation wet and dry crops; standing crops not thriving for want of rain, and good supply in rivers; harvest a few dry grains in some parts; markets well supplied; prices steady; fever in some parts; cholera 228 seizures, 165 deaths; cattle disease in some localities, some loss; pasture insufficient.
Trichinopoly (22nd)	...	Good rain last night; cholera decreasing, but not actually gone.
Malabar (23rd)	0·71	First crop harvest begun; markets well supplied; prices falling; fever and small-pox prevail slightly in Ernad and Walluvanad; bowel complaint in Palghaut and Walluvanad, 77 cases, 28 deaths; slight cattle disease in two taluks; pasture abundant.
		General Remarks.—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Sept. 23rd)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (22nd)	...	River risen 19 inches; heavy rain in Kurrachee on Saturday, also in districts; fever and colds prevalent.
Upper Sind Frontier "	·82	Rabi sowing progressing.
Gujarat.		
Ahmedabad (Sept. 22nd)	2·80	Total rainfall 20·56; extraordinary heavy floods in Sabarmati; good portion of city under water, large portion of Ellis bridge carried away; crops good; cholera cases 5, deaths none.
Kaira "	2·34	Total rainfall 31·78; kharif crops flourishing.
Surat "	3·26	Total rainfall 42·32.
Broach "	3·15	Total rainfall 56·12; cotton and other crops injured by excessive rain.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Sept. 22nd)	3·5 at Dhulia.	Total rainfall 19·41, fall general; kharif and cotton crops injured by excessive rain; in Chalisgaon and Chopra cholera cases 7, deaths 3; cattle disease in Shahada.
Nasik "	1·23	Total rainfall 34·16; crops suffering in some places from excessive rain; prospects otherwise fair; cholera continues slightly.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Sept. 22nd)	11·15	Total rainfall 110·34; agricultural prospects fair; cholera very slightly prevailing in six talukas.
Deccan.		
Poona (Sept. 22nd)	1·30	Total rainfall 32·79; slight injury done to crops in some places by heavy rain; cholera continues.
Ahmednagar "	3·39	Total rainfall 16·80; kharif crops suffering in some places; rabi sowing impeded by excessive rain; cholera generally decreasing, cases 86, deaths 33.
Sholapur "	1·37	Total rainfall 18·76; slight cholera; crops good.
Satara "	1·4	Total rainfall 50·88; state of crops same as before; rabi sowing progressing; slight cholera in Máu.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Sept. 22nd)	·55	Total rainfall 52 inches; crops damaged by floods; in Chikori and Athni cholera continues.
Dharwar "	·18	Total rainfall 24·78; rain much wanted in almost all talukas; kharif crops good; cotton sowing progressing; cholera in several villages of Hubli taluka and at Hebli in Dharwar taluka.
Kanara "	5·75	Total rainfall 107·; crops on coast ripening; fever, dysentery, and cattle disease prevail.
Kaladgi "	2·17	Total rainfall 14·17; kharif crops good; rabi sowing progressing; cholera continues, 90 deaths in seven talukas.
Kattywar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rájkot (Sept. 22nd)	1·41	Total rainfall 13·64; crops thriving.
Wadhwán "	·62	Total rainfall 14·23; crops good.
Baroda "	1·89	Kharif and cotton crops thriving; serious apprehension continues in Okhámandal and Amreli; public health good.
		General Remarks.—River risen again in Sind; apprehensions for safety of crops in parts of Baroda State; elsewhere rainfall heavy, especially in Gujarat, and propects excellent.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Sept. 23rd)	·31	
Noakhally "	5·11	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	·8	
Hill Tipperah "	·87	Public health good except at Koilashur, where it is said that fever prevails.
Backergunge "	1·78	
Furreedpore "	1·14	
Dacca "	·63	
Tipperah "	·60	
Mymensingh "	·17	

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*			
24-Pergunnahs	(Sept. 23rd)	·80	Fever increasing at Barripore and Sudder Sub-divisions.
Nuddea	"	·90	
Moorshedabad	"	·83	Much fever prevalent at Lalbagh Sub-division; cholera in Burwa; health otherwise good.
Jessore	"	·65	
Pubna	"	·45	
Rajshahye	"	2·88	10 cases of cholera reported during the week, 4 proved fatal.
Bogra	"	1·75	
Maldah	"	·13	
Dinagepore	"	1·39	Much fever at head-quarters and Neetpoor and probably elsewhere, though from some places reports say health is good; outbreak of cholera in Poteeram lately, 22 deaths reported.
Rungpore	"	·1	
Cooch Behar	"	1·42	
Jalpaiguri	"	2·87	There were three fatal cases of cholera in the Jail which have not been followed by others. A few cases occur in the interior here and there and from time to time without apparent connection.
Darjeeling	"	1·10	
Midnapore	"	1·59	
Howrah	"	·29	
Hooghly	"	1·3	General health fair; a few cases of small-pox and cholera; fever more prevalent.
Burdwan	"	2·9	Fever slightly increased.
Bankoora	"	1·09	
Beerbhoom	"	1·20	
Sonthal Pergunnahs	"	1·51	Cholera decreasing.
Bhágalpur	"	·70	Cholera abated in town, but is prevalent in villages in the Banka Sub-division; elsewhere general health is very good.
Monghyr	"	·64	
Purneah	"	1·97	
Darbangah	"	2·95	
Mozufferpore	"	1·32	
Sarun	"	1·42	General health good.
Chumparun	"	·78	
Patna	"	Not received.	Health good.
Gya	"	1·05	
Shahabád	"	1·26	
Hazáribágh	"	2·88	
Lohardugga	"	1·66	Cholera much abated.
Maunbhoom	"	·26	
Singbhoom	"	1·26	Healthy.
Balasore	"	5·28	
Cuttack	"	10·45	Public health improving.
Pooree	"	2·16	
			General Remarks.—More or less rainfall is reported from all the districts of Bengal; but in Rungpore, Purneah and parts of Gya, more rain is wanted. Early rice and jute are still being harvested, and the transplanting of the late rice crop is still going on in a few places; the prospects of the late rice are as a whole statisfactory; kalai pulse and sonee oilseeds are being sown.
N. W. P.—			
Benares	(Sept. 22nd)	Average rainfall ·9.	No change as to crops.
Mirzapur	"	1·1 at Kourh, elsewhere less.	Prospects generally good; early rice commenced harvesting.
Azamgarh	"	3·9 at head-quarters.	Prospects fair; some days of clear dry weather needed now for ploughing of rabi lands.
Allahabad	(21st)	Average rainfall 2·8	
Cawnpore	(22nd)	Average rainfall 2·3	Prospects continue favourable.
Banda	(23rd)	Average rainfall 2·9.	Kakun sama cut; cotton blossoming.
Hamirpur	"	Average rainfall 3·2.	Dry weather required.
Jhansi	(21st)	4·6	Some damage to crops in Mau from heavy rains.
Agra	(22nd)	From ·1 to 6·2	Prospects generally good; slight damage to bajra from rain and to jowar from insects.
Meerut	"	...	Favourable weather now; prospects good.
Moradabad	"	Little or no rain.	Rice harvest commencing in parts; prospects good.
Bareilly	"	1·5	Agricultural prospects continue good.
Almorah	"	Slight.	Weather very favourable for the crops; in many parts rice cut.
Punjab—			
Delhi	(Sept. 22nd)	1·5	Cholera dying out in city but lingering in a few villages in district; crops on low lands suffered from floods, on high ground in flourishing condition.
Hissar	"	*Nil.*	Kharif promising; ground being prepared for rabi; health good.
Umballa	"	*Nil.*	Crops good; cholera still hanging about district.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—*continued.*		
Jullundur (Sept. 22nd)	*Nil.*	Crops good where uninjured by flood; cholera abating in Kartarpore; fever about, but health generally fair.
Lahore "	·6	Agricultural prospects good; health generally good, but cholera hanging about.
Rawal Pindi "	1·5	Prospects excellent; health good.
Mooltan "	·5	A second flood from Ravi and Sutlej has damaged crops; fever about, otherwise health good.
Dera Ismail Khan "	1·8	Health good.
Peshawur "	1·1	Agricultural prospects favourable; fever about.
		General Remarks.—Agricultural prospects may be considered good, though damage has been caused by the unusual floods of this season; cholera still lingers, and a few districts are suffering from the usual autumnal fevers, otherwise health good.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Sept. 22nd)	6·9	Prices stationary; public health generally good; kharif prospects favourable, and preparations for the rabi in progress.
Sitapur "	2·5	
Fyzabad "	1·2	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (Sept. 18th)	5·3	Stormy weather; prospects favourable; health good; prices easy.
Sambalpur "	2·42	Prospects good; cholera continues.
Bilaspur "	2·70	Crops promising except cotton; cholera decreasing; prices easy.
Raipur (19th)	2·16	Prospects favourable; cholera decreasing; prices easy.
Chhindwara "	1·37	Kutkijowar damaged by continuous rain; 97 cases of cholera, 42 fatal; prices stationary.
Chanda "	2·54	Jowar damaged; other crops doing well; cholera and cattle disease continue; prices steady.
Balaghât (20th)	·90	Prospects favourable; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Bhandara (21st)	3·83	Except jowar other crops favourable; rabi ploughing continues; cholera, cattle disease and small-pox lingering; prices steady.
Nagpur (22nd)	1·80	Jowar suffered, other crops doing well; cholera abating; cattle disease continues; prices stationary.
Wardha "	3·	Crops damaged by excessive rain; cholera almost extinct.
Nimar "	1·66	Cotton slightly damaged, other crops well; cholera decreasing; prices stationary.
Hoshangabad "	2·55	Cholera continues.
Betul "	2·64	Cholera continues.
Narsinghpur "	2·	Crops considerably damaged by excessive rain; cholera disappeared.
Jubbulpore "	2·97	Prospects good; no fresh cholera cases.
Saugor "	·74	Break wanted; rabi ploughing stopped; cholera ceased.
Seoni "	·90	Prospects good; a break required for rabi ploughing; health good.
Damoh "	1·70	Kharif crops except rice injured; prices stationary.
Mandla "	1·10	Prospects of rice good, other crops damaged by continuous rain.
		General Remarks.—Rice crops promise well, but jowari and cotton have suffered from wet. In Nerbudda Valley rain has done damage to crops, and it is difficult to prepare land for rabi.
British Burma—		
Arakan Division.		
Akyab (Sept. 22nd)	...	Public health normal; crop prospects good.
Pegu Division.		
Rangoon (Sept. 22nd)	...	Public health good; extensive destruction of crops in Hline from inundation. Rainfall 23 inches in excess of last year.
Bassein "	...	Health good; crops doing well.
Henzada "	...	Public health good; crops flourishing; slight cattle disease.
Prome "	...	Healthy; crops promising.
Thayetmyo "	...	Health good; river fallen greatly; rain required.
Thonkwa "	Rain copious.	Health and crops good.
Tenasserim Division.		
Amherst	52·5	Public health good; crops partially inundated in Amherst, Shwegyeen and Toungoo.
Toungoo	4·5	
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (Sept. 23rd)	16·50 in Bangalore Cantonment.	Cholera spreading slowly in Nandidroog and Ashtagram divisions; deaths at Mysore number 443 up to date; last week's average for town and district 21; dry crops suffering severely from want of rain, especially in Mysore District.
Coorg "	1·71	*General Remarks.*—Agricultural prospects still doubtful.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Assam—		
Gauhati (Sept. 23rd)	·06	Cool north-east wind; weather clear and dry; transplanting operations almost finished, but rain wanted; season for tea tolerably good; public health good.
Sylhet "	·75	Prices steady; field work progresses.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (Sept. 23rd)	1·74	Cholera gradually disappearing from the province; kharif crops suffered slightly in a few places from excessive rain; land under plough for rabi sowing.
Central India—		
Indore (Sept. 22nd)	2·90	
Gwalior "	2·37	
Neemuch "	5·13	
Rutlam "	6·79	
Baghelkhund (Sutna) "	4·70	
Bhopal Agency.		
Sehore (Sept. 11th)	5·5	
Beorah "	13·3	
Bhilsa "	8·1	
Nursingarh "	5·9	
Kilchipur "	·05	
		General Remarks.—Continuous rain has damaged crops in Western Malwa; health is generally good.
Nepal— (Sept. 15th)	2·1	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera somewhat less.

A. O. HUME,
Secretary to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Council of the Governor General of India, assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 24 & 25 Vic., Cap. 67.

The Council met at Simla on Thursday, the 16th September 1875.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, G. M. S. I., *presiding*.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, G. C. B., G. C. S. I.

Major-General the Hon'ble Sir H. W. Norman, K. C. B.

The Hon'ble Arthur Hobhouse, Q. C.

The Hon'ble Sir W. Muir, K. C. S. I.

The Hon'ble Ashley Eden, C. S. I.

The Hon'ble Sir A. J. Arbuthnot, K. C. S. I.

Colonel the Hon'ble Sir Andrew Clarke, R. E., K. C. M. G., C. B.

The Hon'ble Sir Douglas Forsyth, K. C. S. I.

The Hon'ble T. C. Hope.

BURMA COURTS BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE, in moving that the Final Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Courts in British Burma be taken into consideration, said that he ought rather to move that both reports of the Committee, the final and preliminary reports, be taken into consideration, because though the preliminary report had been before the Council several months, it had not been brought up formally for consideration. The fact was that this Bill had been for a considerable time before the Council, having been introduced as long ago as the month of April 1874. This was the second time, since he had been in India, that he had to introduce a Bill to amend the Burma Courts Act. There was considerable difficulty always in making complete arrangements for a system of Courts, because there were a great many small points to attend to, and many things were not found out until the Courts had begun to work. But in British Burma there was a peculiar source of complication, for whereas in other Provinces—Bengal for instance—there was only one Supreme Court of Judicature, in British Burma there were no less than four, having different areas of jurisdiction, either geographical or legal, or mixed geographical and legal. There were the Judicial Commissioner, the Recorder of Rangoon, the Special Court which consisted of the Judicial Commissioner and the Recorder of Rangoon sitting together, and the High Court at Calcutta. All those tribunals were in their several ways Supreme Courts of Judicature; and that circumstance made the arrangements for British Burma peculiarly complex and difficult. Therefore it was no wonder that every now and then we had applications from the judicial authorities of British Burma saying that something was wanted which they had previously not observed, or that something which had been put into the Act did not work with perfect smoothness.

When he introduced this Bill, there were three objects for which legislation was wanted. One was that certain jurisdiction had been given to Deputy Commissioners, and it was found that the provision for that jurisdiction did not quite answer the wants of the Province, for in some districts it was not desirable to have an officer as high as a Deputy Commissioner; but there was an officer below the rank of Deputy Commissioner, and it was desirable that that officer should exercise the jurisdiction that the Act attributed only to Deputy Commissioners. Secondly, it was desired to relieve the Recorder of Rangoon from certain

duties, of a somewhat mechanical nature, in the way of recording evidence, writing judgments, and so forth, which were imposed upon the Judges by the Code of Civil Procedure, and with which it was very undesirable to occupy the time of such a Judge as the Recorder. The third object was to revive certain Acts which were repealed by the first Burma Courts Act passed in 1872, but which we found, in process of time, to be wanted for the purposes of British Burma.

When the Bill went into Committee, they had a considerable number of suggestions from the authorities in British Burma, who also desired that as so much alteration had been made by the amending Act of 1873, and would be made by the new amending Act, the original Act should be redrawn with the incorporation of all the alterations. To that desire the Committee acceded, and they made a preliminary report in February last showing that the Act had been redrawn, and exhibiting in detail all the substantial alterations that had been introduced. The draft was then republished. It had since undergone further criticism in British Burma, and had also had the advantage of the presence of the Hon'ble Mr. Eden here. The Committee had now made a further report, and the time was come for the final consideration of the Bill.

The alterations that had been made in the existing Acts were very numerous, but mostly of a very small kind. He hoped that they would be useful, and that they would prove sufficient for a time at all events. It would not, however, be very edifying to the Council if he were to attempt to carry them through the detailed alterations that had been made. The only changes which, as it seemed to him, could be at all called alterations of principle were as follows. The Bill gave to the Recorder of Rangoon an enlarged jurisdiction which it was found desirable that he should have. It gave him an increased area of jurisdiction, which the growth of the large towns in British Burma rendered it expedient that he should have. Rangoon was now a considerable centre of commerce; a large amount of shipping came into the harbour, and that rendered it necessary to have a Judge who should decide upon two classes of cases. One class was that of admiralty cases; and it was proposed to give to the Recorder admiralty jurisdiction throughout the territorial waters of British Burma. But inasmuch as the jurisdiction was entirely new and in many respects rather of a special and important kind, it was also proposed to give an appeal to the High Court at Calcutta. The other class was that of insolvency cases. Of course, as commerce increased, there would be a greater number of defalcations amongst commercial men, and therefore it was thought desirable to set up an insolvency jurisdiction for the four principal towns of British Burma, namely, Rangoon, Maulmain, Akyab and Bassein.

He thought that those were the only two matters of principle involved in the alterations. Among the larger details of the alterations, besides the three original objects he had referred to, he might mention that the area of the Recorder's jurisdiction had been enlarged in some other respects—he meant the legal, and not the geographical area. For instance, the Bill gave him power to try certain cases which clearly ought to be tried at Rangoon, but which, under the existing Acts, did not fall within his jurisdiction for the reason that the cause of action had arisen elsewhere. In these cases however the parties or their agents were resident at Rangoon, evidence was procurable at Rangoon, and all circumstances pointed to the convenience of trying cases at Rangoon. The Bill also gave to the Recorder the powers of a High Court over Magistrates within the legal area of his jurisdiction and over the Small Cause Courts within the same area.

Then the Bill altered the mode of procedure in the Special Court. When the Act of 1872 and the amending Act of 1873 were passed, no staff of officers was provided for that Court. The consequence was that although the Court could sit and hear appeals, it could not do many things which a Court had to do by its ministerial officers; and the Acts at present on the Statute-book provided for those things being done either by the Judicial Commissioner or the Recorder of Rangoon. Now the Chief Commissioner had seen his way to provide a proper staff of officers: the Bill, therefore, altered the procedure by giving the Special Court power to do those things which the two other Judges were ordered to do before.

Then, again, some more extensive powers had been given both to the Judicial Commissioner and the Recorder of Rangoon with respect to the matters

of costs in their Courts and of the legal practitioners who practised before them; and the Bill went on to relieve both the Judicial Commissioner and the Special Court from the same class of mechanical duties from which he (MR. HOBHOUSE) had already said it had been found expedient to relieve the Recorder.

Those were the larger details of the Bill now before the Council, and when he had called those the larger details, the Council might imagine what the smaller details were. They were in fact of a purely professional and technical kind; they were all mentioned in the reports, and it would, he thought, be no use to draw the attention of the Council further to them. The whole of the Bill had been prepared in very close communication with the authorities in British Burma, both judicial and executive, and, as he had said, the matter had derived great advantage from the presence of Mr. Eden at Simla during this season. MR. HOBHOUSE could only hope that it would be the last amending Act that he should have to introduce into the Council for British Burma. He could not believe that it would be the last that the Council would have to consider; because, as he had remarked, the present arrangements were very complicated, and he had no doubt that, as time went on, the authorities of British Burma would see their way to simplifying them. However, that was a matter for the future; he hoped that, for the present, the proposed Bill would be the means of making things work smoothly in British Burma.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE then moved that the Bill as amended be passed.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

PANJÁB CHIEF COURT APPEALS BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE also moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide an appeal from certain decrees of the Chief Court of the Panjáb. He said that this was a matter of great simplicity. The Chief Court of the Panjáb, as we all knew, consisted of three Judges. They were principally an Appeal Court, but they had coming before them a certain amount of original business. The amount was not very large in quantity; but of course in quality it consisted of cases of the greatest difficulty and magnitude that arose in the Panjáb. Well, those cases, according to the distribution of business, were frequently heard before a single Judge; but the Panjáb Chief Court Act provided no appeal from that single Judge to the Chief Court itself. The consequence was that cases, which were heard in the first instance before a single Judge, were subject to no appeal whatever within the limits of India, and those cases had to go up to the Privy Council if the parties desired to appeal them at all. He need hardly enlarge upon the inconvenience of that practice. Of course it might be said that cases should be heard before two or before the three Judges of the Chief Court, and so a greater amount of legal power should be brought to bear upon them. But, in the first place, every Court was the best judge of its own method of transacting business, and the Chief Court considered that the business ought to be transacted in many cases by a single Judge; and in the second place, arguing from his own experience of legal business, he thought it right that the bulk of business of the first instance should be transacted by a single Judge, and he believed that such business was much better done by a single Judge than by a plurality of Judges. He therefore thought that it was quite right that the Panjáb Chief Court should go on transacting business of the first instance by a single Judge, and the Judges themselves were extremely desirous that there should always be an appeal from the judgment of that Judge, and that the judgment should be checked by his colleagues. It was therefore proposed to introduce a Bill for the purpose of providing an appeal from the judgment of a single Judge or even two Judges of the Panjáb Chief Court to the full Court.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday, the 30th September 1875.

SIMLA;
The 16th September 1875.

WHITLEY STOKES,
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 30TH SEPTEMBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Fair rain has fallen in Madras, except in Malabar; prospects are satisfactory. In Mysore prospects have been improved by a fall of 3½ inches. In Sind the river continues high and the crops are doing well. The rainfall in the Bombay Presidency has been generally slight: prospects are good, except where damage has been done by the floods of the Sábarmati in Ahmedabad and Kaira. These floods are now seen to have been the result of the exceedingly heavy falls which occurred throughout Southern and Central Rajputana, where damage has also been caused by the excessive rain. Throughout the Central Provinces and Berar there has been a break, with only light showers in places: prospects are good except in Hoshangabad, Narsinghpur and Damoh, where the excessive rain has damaged the crops. In Central India the week's fall has been heavy, particularly in Malwa, where the excess of rain is also complained of. In Indore and Baghelkhand no rain has fallen. In Bengal the rain has been general and moderate, except in Burdwan, Gya, parts of Chota Nagpore and Orissa, where it has been heavy: in the last province some floods have occurred. The prospects of the late rice crop are very favourable. In Upper Assam more rain is wanted. Moderate rain has fallen in the North-West Provinces and Oudh, where the crops generally promise well. In the Punjab abundant rain has fallen in Hissar, Umballa, Jullundur, Lahore and Rawal Pindi, moderate rain in Delhi, little in Dera Ismail Khan and Peshawar, and none in Mooltan: prospects are good except where floods have caused damage. Reports from Burma continue favourable.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (Sept. 30th)	5·68 at Masulipatam. 6·0 at Kuncondah. 4·0 at Bezwara.	Rain comparatively slight elsewhere; 5½ feet water over anicut; dry crops being sown; paddy transplanted in taluks; maize, sajja, gingelly suffering from excessive rain and grub; cumboo green gram harvested; outturn about half; markets well supplied; prices steady; cholera in Narsaropett, 7 cases only yet reported; cattle generally healthy; pasture very abundant, except in a few villages injured by floods.
Kurnool (29th)	2·66 in six days.	Rain good in four taluks, moderate in others; dry crops good except in Markapur; white jonna and cotton being sown; markets well supplied; prices generally steady; cholera abating; 3 attacks in Kurnool and one death; 177 attacks and 74 deaths in taluks; cattle attacked with foot-disease; water and pasture sufficient except in Markapur; one foot water over Sunkesala anicut yesterday.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Tanjore (Sept. 30th)	3·45 at Negapatam.	Rain elsewhere tolerably good; rivers slightly rising; supply to tanks scanty; water over lower anicut, north branch 1 inch, south 1 inch; cultivation wet and dry crops; standing crops benefited by late rains; harvest a few wet and dry crops; yield fair; markets well supplied; prices steady; cholera continues; attacks 247, deaths 183; cattle generally healthy; pasture insufficient.
Malabar "	*Nil.*	First crop harvested; sowing of second crop begun; prices steady; small-pox, fever and cattle disease abating; bowel complaint in Walluvanad, Palghat and Ponany, 61 cases and 23 deaths; pasture abundant.
Trichinopoly ...	...	Good rain; cholera slightly increasing in town, decreasing in district.
		General Remarks.—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Sept. 30th)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (29th)	...	River on 27th seventeen inches higher than on the same date last year; crops fair.
Shikarpur "	...	River 15 feet 3 inches; water supply abundant; kharif harvesting commenced insects attacking crops in Rohri taluka; fever increasing.
Hyderabad "	...	River continued at a good height during the week; much benefit will thereby accrue to cultivation; harvest will be only slightly below the average, save in Tando division; fever in a few talukas.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Kharif crops on desert canal excellent; on Begari and branches good but backward; those in Deh, Akhilpur, Rhindvah, Jamidera and south bank of Nurwah destroyed by flood are now drying up; rabi crops being sown; weather warm; fever prevailing.
Gujarat.		
Ahmedabad (Sept. 29th)	1·32	Total rainfall 21·88; much damage from floods to crops and culturable lands along the banks of the Sábarmati; extent not yet ascertainable.
Kaira "	1·40	Total rainfall 33·40; considerable damage caused to houses and crops in the villages on the Sábarmati by recent floods.
Surat "	·05	Total rainfall 42·37.
Broach "	·36	Total rainfall 56·48; crops good except those already reported to be injured.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Sept. 29th)	·27 at Dhulia.	Total rainfall 19·68; kharif cultivation generally injured by rain, but cotton plants improving from recent break; prospects good; cholera at Virdel, 4 cases, 2 deaths; cattle disease in Nizampur and Shahada.
Nasik "	·98	Total rainfall 35·14; bajri crops suffering from excessive rain; cholera continues slightly.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Sept. 29th)	3·29	Total rainfall 113·63; agricultural prospects fair; cholera still slightly prevailing in almost all talukas.
Deccan.		
Poona (Sept. 29th)	...	Standing crops have in some places suffered from moisture; cholera has not quite disappeared.
Ahmednagar "	...	Kharif crops fair; sowing of rabi commenced; cholera generally decreasing, 20 cases, 19 deaths.
Sholapur "	1·55	Total rainfall 20·31; slight cholera.
Satara "	·05	Total rainfall 50·93; in Wai crops on elevated tracts have withered; in Tásgaon those adjoining the river banks have been swept away, the rest middling; slight cholera in some talukas.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Sept. 29th)	·09	Total rainfall 52·09; more rain required; cholera continues.
Dharwar "	...	Early crops in almost every taluka require rain; cotton sowing much retarded from its want; cholera in 11 villages.
Kanara "	·18	Total rainfall 107·18; rice harvest commenced near Karwar; prospects good.
Kaladgi "	3·84	Total rainfall 18·01; cholera continues, 63 deaths in eight talukas.
Kattywar.		
Rájkot (Sept. 29th)	0·66	Total rainfall 14·64; more rain required; crops good.
Wadhwán "	...	Crops good.
Jhinjuwára "	...	Crops damaged by the Rupani river overflowing.
		General Remarks.—Prospects good in Sind and the Presidency generally; serious damage from floods in Ahmedabad and Kaira.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Sept. 30th)	7·90	
Noakhally "	*Nil.*	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	1·16	
Hill Tipperah "	·12	Fever still at Koilashur.
Backergunge "	·28	
Furreedpore "	·03	Public health continues good.
Dacca "	·81	
Mymensingh "	1·35	
Tipperah "	·14	

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*		
24-Pergunnahs (Sept. 30)	1·86	Fever increasing at Barripore and Basirhat.
Nuddea „	1·41	
Moorshedabad „	1·41	Fever prevalent in some places; cholera has reappeared at Burwa.
Jessore „	·53	
Pubna „	1·53	Fever prevails in the town.
Rajshahye „	2·55	Thirty-one cases of cholera reported chiefly in Belwanah Thana during the week, 12 proved fatal; there have been a few cases of small-pox about Nattore.
Bogra „	2·39	
Maldah „	2·08	Twenty-one attacks and 7 deaths from cholera were reported during the week; in one village 14 attacks of small-pox were reported.
Dinagepore „	·41	Much fever at head-quarters; small-pox at Roygung, 50 cases and 6 deaths.
Rungpore „	·81	
Cooch Behar „	1·93	
Jalpaiguri „	2·39	Sporadic cases of cholera continue to occur.
Darjeeling „	2·53	
Midnapore „	2·47	
Howrah „	2·35	
Hooghly „	2·0	Small-pox continues in 20 isolated places; cholera reported in two places rather prevalent, but character of general health is good.
Burdwan „	6·16	Public health generally good.
Bankoora „	1·03	General health good.
Beerbhoom „	2·87	
Sonthal Pergunnahs „	·39	Cholera has almost disappeared.
Bhágalpur „	·56	General health very good; cholera here and there in Banka sub-division.
Monghyr „	Not received.	
Purneah „	·89	Cholera is disappearing.
Darbangah „	·25	
Mozufferpore „	1·10	
Sarun „	·66	Cholera is reported at Bashrara.
Chumparun „	1·76	
Patna „	·23	Health good.
Gya „	4·32	Public health good.
Shahabad „	·66	
Hazáribágh „	·66	
Lohardugga „	2·90	Cholera dying out.
Maunbhoom „	2·02	
Singbhoom „	3·08	Healthy.
Balasore „	·85	
Cuttack „	3·29	
Pooree „	5·91	
		General Remarks.—Moderate rain has fallen in almost all the districts, except in the Orissa Division, where the fall was rather heavy, and caused floods in parts of Cuttack and Balasore. The Ganges has again risen, and caused slight damage in the south of the district of Darbangah. The general rainfall of the week has done much good to the crops, but more is still required. In Tipperah the inundation has subsided, and the ryots are ploughing the lands and transplanting the late rice. The harvesting of the aus rice and other bhadoi crops and the transplanting of the late rice are still going on. The general prospects of the great rice crop are very favourable. Preparation of land for the ensuing cold-weather crops has commenced in places.
N. W. P.—		
Benares (Sept. 29th)	Average rainfall 1·1.	No change as to crops.
Mirzapur „	3·1 at Chunar, elsewhere less.	Prospects continue good.
Azamgarh (28th)	2·1 at head-quarters.	Prospects fair.
Allahabad „	Average rainfall ·5.	
Cawnpore (29th)	1·	Weather fine and favourable.
Banda (30th)	Average rainfall 2·5.	Dry weather wanted; prospects continue favourable.
Hamirpur „	Average rainfall ·3.	Every prospect of a good harvest.
Jhansi (28th)	*Nil.*	Weather cloudy; prospects on the whole good.
Agra (29th)	From ·1 to 1·1	Prospects good; slight damage to bajra and jowar on account of continued rains.
Meerut „	...	Heavy rain on Saturday last, fine now.
Moradabad „	Average rainfall 2·4.	Crops good.
Bareilly „	·8	Agricultural prospects good.
Almorah (30th)	...	The heavy rain on Saturday has only done some damage to the rice straw, and not to the grain or to the millet crop which still promises very well.
Punjab—		
Delhi (Sept. 29th)	2·7	All except submerged crops doing well; health of district good; cholera almost disappeared.
Hissar „	5·7	Rain appears to be general; the standing kharif crops progressing favourably; rabi ploughing in progress; health good.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—*continued.*			
Umballa	(Sept. 29th)	7·	Crops good; cholera still lingering about.
Jullundur	"	8·6	Extensive inundations for the third time within six weeks; a few cases of cholera at Kartarpore; otherwise health good.
Lahore	"	7·3	Crops good; cholera still lingers, but general health satisfactory.
Rawal Pindi	"	5·50	Cutting of kharif commenced; slight fever prevails.
Mooltan	"	*Nil*	Fever prevalent; otherwise health good.
Dera Ismail Khan	"	·9	Health good.
Peshawur	"	·1	Agricultural prospects favourable; fever prevalent.
			General Remarks.—General health of the province remains good, though cholera still lingers in certain districts. Agricultural prospects may also be considered generally good, though there has been considerable damage to crops by the heavy, and for the time of year, unusual rainfall throughout the districts from Lahore to the Jumna.
Oudh—			
Lucknow	(Sept. 29th)	*Nil.*	Public health generally good; prospects continue favourable; prices stationary.
Sitapur	"	1·6	
Fyzabad	"	·1	
Central Provinces—			
Upper Godavari	(Sept. 25th)	1·45	Prospects favourable; cholera prevalent.
Sambalpur	"	2·54	Prospects excellent; cholera continues.
Bilaspur	"	1·28	Prospects favourable except cotton; fever prevalent; prices easy.
Raipur	(26th)	2·97	Prospects good; rabi ploughing continues; cholera decreasing; prices easy.
Chanda	"	1·	Prospects good except jowar; cholera and cattle disease continue; prices easy.
Chhindwara	"	1·55	Prospects good; cholera abating; prices steady.
Balaghát	(27th)	·20	Prospects favourable; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Bhandara	(28th)		Weather clear; prospects favourable except in low land jowar; rabi ploughing continues; cholera decreasing; fever, small-pox and cattle disease continue; prices easy.
Nagpur	(29th)		Weather clear; prospects favourable except jowar; cholera and cattle disease lingering; prices stationary.
Wardha	"	...	Weather clear; crops promising; cholera almost extinct.
Nimar	"	·34	Minor crops reaped; jowar slightly damaged; cholera continues; prices risen.
Hoshangabad	"	...	Weather clear; prospects unchanged; cholera continues.
Narsinghpur	"	...	Weather clear; prospects unchanged.
Jubbulpore	"	·77	Prospects good; cotton doubtful; health good.
Saugor	"	...	Weather clear; prospects of rice kodoo favourable; rabi ploughing progressing; prices rising.
Seoni	"	·40	Rabi ploughing continues; health good.
Damoh	"	...	Weather clear; rice prospects good; other crops much injured; prices risen.
Mandla	"	...	Weather clear; prospects unchanged; prices stationary.
			General Remarks.—Excepting jowar; other crops promise well. In Hoshangabad, Narsinghpur, and Damoh, the excessive rain has done much injury; except in these districts, prospects favourable.
British Burma—			
Arakan Division.			
Akyab	(Sept. 29th)	3·50	Public health good; agricultural prospects good.
Pegu Division.			
Rangoon	(Sept. 29th)	...	Health good; slight cattle disease; prospects of crops fair.
Thonkwa	"	Plentiful.	Health and crops good; slight damage to leaves of paddy plant by caterpillars.
Bassein	"	...	
Henzada	"	...	Health good; crops flourishing; slight cattle disease.
Tenasserim Division.		...	Public health good, except at Tavoy, where there are some cases of small-pox and fever; crops partially inundated and destroyed in Amherst, Shwegyeen and Tonghoo districts; rainfall good.
Mysore and Coorg—			
Mysore	(Sept. 30th)	1·095 in Bangalore Cantonment.	The scarcity at Mysore has been relieved by a fall of 3 inches 62 cents during the past week; prices which had risen alarmingly have fallen, and the cholera epidemic shews symptoms of abatement; deaths during past week average for Mysore town and district 16; epidemic still prevails in the Hassan and Tumkur districts, and one taluq of Bangalore District.
Coorg	"	·98	
			General Remarks.—Agricultural prospects improved, but more rain needed.
Assam—			
Gauhati	(Sept. 30th)	·39	Mornings cloudy and cool, days clear and hot; transplanting operations almost finished; prospects of all crops and tea favourable, but rain wanted; public health good.
Sylhet	"	10·62	Field-work progresses; rain has done good; rice market steady.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—			
Umraoti	(Sept. 30th)	·02	Jowari slightly injured from excessive moisture; other crops good; cholera still lingering in the Woon District.
Rajputana—*			
Aboo	(Sept. 30th)	8·37	Total rainfall 114·95; slight drizzle and mists continue, much desired break since 26th.
Sirohi	(20th)	...	Excessively heavy rains; crops in danger for want of sunshine; bajra injured by high wind; health good.
Erinpoora	(27th)	Over 12 inches rainfall in beginning of week.	Crops injured by rains and wind; fair outturn expected; health good.
Meywar	(24th)	17·3	Total rainfall 40·2; health good; danger of loss of crops from excessive rain; great destruction to bunds and bridges, and falling of houses in city.
Marwar	(18th)	2·50	City tanks got six months' supply from recent rains; crops greatly injured; health good.
Harowtee States—			
Deolee	(Sept. 18th)	2·7	Prospects good; fever prevalent.
Kota	"	0·3	
Tonk	"	0·6	
Jhallawar	"	1·5	
Bhurtpore	(23rd)	3·21	Sickness decreased; prospects good; weather continues cloudy; daily rain.
	(30th)	1·41	Weather cleared.
Jeypore	"	5·5	Incessant heavy rain since Sunday, still raining; health good.
Ajmere	(23rd)	6·4	Good rain and general since 17th; cholera still exists in Ajmere itself; health otherwise good and agricultural prospects very satisfactory.
	(30th)	11·1	Unparalleled rain for 8 days; tanks filled; rabi prospects assured, but early kharif crops damaged; still some cases of cholera, fortunately confined to Ajmere city; health otherwise good.
Central India—			
Indore	(Sept. 29th)	*Nil.*	Rainfall in Western Malwa has been 20 inches beyond average and done much damage to autumn crops; health generally good; cholera decreasing.
Gwalior	"	·43	
Neemuch	"	3·64	
Rutlam	"	4·68	
Baghelkhand (Sutna)	"	*Nil.*	
Bhopal Agency.			
Sehore	(Sept. 18th)	2·02	
Beorah	"	8·03	
Bhilsa	"	5·04	
Nursingarh	"	·09	
Kilchipur	"	6·07	
Nepal—	(Sept. 22nd)	2·	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera decreasing.

* The report for the week ending the 23rd September was not received in time for publication and is included in the present report.

A. O. HUME,
Secretary to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract of the Proceedings of the Council of the Governor General of India, assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 24 & 25 Vic., Cap. 67.

The Council met at Simla on Wednesday, the 29th September 1875.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, G. M. S. I., *presiding.*

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, G. C. B., G. C. S. I.

Major-General the Hon'ble Sir H. W. Norman, K. C. B.

The Hon'ble Arthur Hobhouse, Q. C.

The Hon'ble Sir W. Muir, K. C. S. I.

The Hon'ble Ashley Eden, C. S. I.

The Hon'ble Sir A. J. Arbuthnot, K. C. S. I.

Colonel the Hon'ble Sir Andrew Clarke, R. E., K. C. M. G., C. B.

The Hon'ble T. C. Hope.

LAW REPORTS BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE presented the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill for the improvement of Law Reports. He said that the Committee had made no change in the Bill and had recommended that it be passed.

PANJÁB CHIEF COURT APPEALS BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE also introduced the Bill to provide an appeal from certain decrees of the Chief Court of the Panjáb, and moved that it be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report in a week. He said that Act IV of 1866, which regulated the Chief Court of the Panjáb, provided no appeal from decrees made by a single Judge of the Court in the exercise of original civil jurisdiction. The consequence was that appeals from such decrees would only lie to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and much waste of time and money was caused by this state of things. The Bill which he now introduced was intended to supply the defect which he had indicated, and the opportunity had been taken to enable the Appellate Court to remand suits and order retrials, and to empower the Judges to make references to a full Bench as to points of law. The Bill had been prepared in close communication with Mr. Justice Boulnois and Mr. Justice Campbell, and he (MR. HOBHOUSE) desired to express his obligations to those learned persons for the assistance which they had afforded. That circumstance also justified his proposing so short a time for the Committee's report. It was desirable to pass the Bill quickly, because the hearing of several cases had been postponed in expectation of this alteration in the procedure of the Chief Court. And seeing the nature of the Bill, and with whose assistance it had been prepared, it was difficult to suppose that anything would be gained by publication or any lengthened consideration.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

MERCHANT SEAMEN'S LAW AMENDMENT BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE also introduced the Bill to amend the law relating to Merchant Seamen, and moved that it be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report in three months. He said that the object of this Bill

was to make a number of small but important changes in the law relating to Merchant Seamen, which could not conveniently be postponed until that law was consolidated and amended. He had mentioned the points when he procured leave to introduce the Bill and had now to show how the Bill dealt with them.

The first object was to determine disputes whether or not a seaman was "distressed" within the meaning of the sections of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1854, relating to distressed seamen. For that purpose, section 3 provided that the Local Government might certify of any seaman that he was distressed, and that the Master of a ship should be bound to receive such a seaman, and it imposed a penalty in case of refusal.

The next object was to put a check upon the practice of discharging European seamen, which, it was alleged, was often done merely for the purpose of supplying their place with lascars. Sections 4 and 5 were directed to this object. Section 4 repeated the existing law to the effect that no Master should discharge a seaman without written sanction from a Government officer. But it somewhat varied the terms of the existing law in order to preclude a doubt which had been raised whether the officer had complete discretion to give or withhold his sanction. And whereas at present there was no special penalty for breach of this law, it was now proposed to impose one. Section 5 gave the Local Government power to prohibit a Master from engaging Native seamen. This would put a great reserve of power into the hands of the Government, which would probably be used seldom, but which it might use on finding that improper and causeless discharges of European seamen were taking place.

By section 6 provision was made that where a European seaman deserted, the master or owner should report the desertion to the Local Government.

Sections 7 and 8 extended the provisions of section 88 of Act I of 1859, and contained certain rules as to European seamen imprisoned for breaches of discipline or other petty offences on the complaint of the Master. The previous sanction of the Local Government was in that case rendered necessary to the engagement of Natives of India. The Local Government was also empowered to tender an imprisoned seaman to the Master, and, if the Master refused to receive him, the Master might be required to deposit, not only the wages, &c., due to the seaman, but also such sum as might be sufficient to defray the cost of his passage home and of his lodging and subsistence till he started.

The Bill then contained a clause (section 9) slightly increasing the space required by Act I of 1859, section 70, for European and for Native seamen.

Lastly, a clause had been added to remove a doubt which had been raised as to the meaning of an expression in section 54 of that Act. That section declared in effect that where a seaman's wages were payable in India under an agreement wherein the wages were expressed to be payable in pounds sterling or some other non-Indian denomination of coin, the seaman was entitled to the amount estimated according to the "established par value" of the coin. The Bill declared that the expression in question should be taken to mean the rate of exchange for the time being fixed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to regulate transactions between himself and the Government of India. MR. HOBHOUSE believed that this was the true construction of the Act, and it certainly was the one which had been acted on; but it was not clear. A high legal authority had expressed a contrary opinion, and it was desirable to place the matter beyond question.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE also moved that the Bill be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the *Bombay Government Gazette*, the *Calcutta Gazette*, and the *British Burma Gazette*.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

BOMBAY REVENUE JURISDICTION BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOPE moved that the Hon'ble Sir W. Muir and the Hon'ble Sir A. J. Arbuthnot be added to the Select Committee on the Bill to

limit the jurisdiction of the Civil Courts throughout the Bombay Presidency in matters relating to the Land-Revenue.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

OBSOLETE ENACTMENTS REPEAL BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE moved for leave to introduce a Bill for the repeal of certain obsolete enactments. He said that the Council were aware that the Legislative Department had undertaken the task of producing a revised edition of the Acts and Regulations now in force in British India. Of this work the first volume, containing the general Acts of the Governor General in Council from 1834 to 1863, both inclusive, was now in the hands of Hon'ble Members; the first half of the second volume had already been printed; and it was hoped that the remainder of the general Acts (by which he meant Acts extending or extendible to the whole of British India or to the Presidency Towns) would be published early next year. It was proposed then to publish a volume containing (*a*) the unrepealed Madras Regulations, (*b*) the Acts of the Governor General in Council relating exclusively to the Madras Presidency, and (*c*) the Acts of the Local Council. In preparing for this volume it had been ascertained that, notwithstanding the numerous repeals effected by Acts X of 1861, XVII of 1862 and III of 1873, and also by Madras Act II of 1869, there still remained in the surviving Madras Regulations a not inconsiderable amount of obsolete matter. The primary object of the Bill which he now asked leave to introduce was to excise this matter. At the same time the opportunity would be taken to remove from the Indian Statute-book certain Acts and portions of Acts of the Governor General in Council, and certain fragments of Bombay Regulations and Acts, which might now be safely dispensed with.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

The following Select Committees were named :—

On the Bill to provide an appeal from certain decrees of the Chief Court of the Panjáb : The Hon'ble Mr. Hope and the Mover.

On the Bill to amend the law relating to Merchant Seamen : The Hon'ble Mr. Eden, the Hon'ble Sir A. J. Arbuthnot and the Hon'ble Mr. Hope and the Mover.

The Council then adjourned to Wednesday, the 13th October 1875.

SIMLA;
The 29th September 1875.

WHITLEY STOKES,
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 7TH OCTOBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—In Madras there has been good and general rain: prospects are favourable. In Sind the river continues unusually high. Elsewhere in the Bombay Presidency no rain has fallen, except slight showers in Tanna and Dharwar; more rain is required in the Southern Mahratta Country; elsewhere prospects are very good. In the Central Provinces and Berar the monsoon is drawing to a close: *rabi* operations continue. In Bengal the rain, though general, has been scanty in most districts: more is said to be urgently required in the Patna and Bhágalpur Divisions: the prospects of the late rice crop continue to be generally good; the transplantation of seedlings is almost finished. In the North-West Provinces and Oudh the rains appear to have come to an end; light showers are reported only from Benares, Sitapur, Allahabad, Banda and Jhansi; prospects are good. In the Punjab no rain has fallen at Delhi, Umballa or Mooltan; elsewhere the weather is still unsettled: the crops promise well. In Rajputana sufficient rain has fallen in the Southern States, heavy rain in the Harowtee tract, and little or none in the north; prospects are generally favourable. In Central India rain has fallen in some quantity in Bhopal, little elsewhere; the excessive rains have damaged the crops in Bundelkhand, Bhopal and Malwa. In Mysore light falls have improved agricultural prospects. More rain is wanted in Upper Assam. Reports from Burma continue favourable; in the Rangoon district floods have done some damage.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (Oct. 7th)	1·75 at Masulipatam.	Rain sufficient elsewhere; 3¼ feet water above anicut; later dry crops sown; cumboo harvested; markets well supplied; prices steady; no further cholera cases reported; mild fever and small-pox continue; cattle generally healthy; pasture abundant.
Kurnool (6th)	1·3 in two days.	Rain good in four taluks; moderate in others; a partial fall in Markapur; sajja being harvested in Cumbum; outturn fair: markets well supplied; standing crops generally good; prices steady; fever prevalent; 164 attacks from cholera, and 50 deaths; cattle attacked with foot-disease in parts of the district; water and pasture sufficient; 0·7 feet of water over Sunkesala anicut yesterday.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Tanjore (Oct. 7th)	3·80 at Negapatam.	Rain good elsewhere; freshes in river, and supply to tanks moderate; water over lower anicut, north branch 4½ inches; south 4 inches; cultivation wet and dry crops; standing crops generally good; harvest a few wet and dry crops; yield fair; markets well supplied; prices steady; fever in parts; 188 attacks from cholera, and 126 deaths; cattle disease in some parts, some loss; pasture generally sufficient.
Trichinopoly (Oct. 6th)	...	Return from Perambular and Udiarpolliem not received; good and general rain last few days; cholera still hanging on in town; very little in district.
Malabar (Oct. 7th)	0·05	Sowing of second crop begun; prices steady; small-pox abating; 72 cases of bowel complaint in Walluvanad, Palghaut and Ponany, and 32 deaths; cattle disease abating; pasture good. *General Remarks.*—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Oct. 7th)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (6th)	...	River on 4th at Kotri 40 inches higher than on the same date last year; harvest begun in Jerruck and Shâhbandar divisions; prospects of crops fair.
Shikarpur "	...	Slight rain in talukas Mehar, Tigar and Kakar; on 27th ultimo Gaj water reached Kakar taluka; river 12 feet 8 inches, being 5 feet 3 inches higher than last year; all canals full, and breaches reported in taluka Nasirabad as causing considerable damage; disease among horses in taluka Larkârna.
Hyderabad "	...	River still at an unusual height; water no longer required for crops.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Weather cooler; rabi operations progressing favourably.
Gujarat.		
Ahmedabad (Oct. 6th)	...	Crops good, except in villages along the Sâbarmati.
Kaira "	...	Crops and public health good.
Surat "	...	Seventeen cholera cases at Pârdi.
Broach "	...	Rice, kodra and bajri ready, jowari being sown.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Oct. 6th)	...	State of kharif and cotton as before; cattle disease in Edalabad Petha.
Nasik "	...	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera decreasing.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Oct. 6th)	0·14	Total rainfall 113·77; agricultural prospects fair; cholera still slightly prevailing in four talukas.
Deccan.		
Poona (Oct. 6th)	...	Crops in the same condition as before; cholera has not quite disappeared.
Ahmednagar "	...	Kharif crops fair; sowing of rabi progressing; cholera in seven talukas, 79 cases, 35 deaths.
Sholapur "	...	Cholera in Mâlsiras taluka.
Satara "	...	Crops injured by excessive rain, partially improving; sowing of rabi generally in progress; slight cholera.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Oct. 6th)	...	Rain much wanted; cholera continues.
Dharwar "	0·42	Total rainfall 25·20; kharif crops much in want of rain; its scarcity has prevented cotton sowing in some places; cholera prevails in 19 villages.
Kanara "	...	Rice harvest continues in Karwar.
Kaladgi "	...	Kharif and rabi crops well; cholera continues, 55 deaths.
Kattywar and Gackwar's Territory.		
Râjkot (Oct. 6th)	...	Crops good; no change in weather.
Wadhwân "	...	Crops good; two deaths from cholera in Limri district.
Baroda "	...	Cotton and kharif crops healthy; accounts from Amreli satisfactory; public health good. *General Remarks.*—Prospects good; monsoon coming to an end; more rain still wanted in the Southern Mahratta country, where crops have suffered for want of it.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Oct. 7th)	·79	
Noakhally "	·46	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	2·76	
Hill Tipperah "	·75	
Backergunge "	3·86	
Furreedpore "	·69	General health of the district continues good.
Dacca "	1·38	A few cases of cholera reported.
Mymensingh "	5·94	
Tipperah "	·42	Public health good everywhere but in Koilashur.
24-Pergunnahs "	·07	Fever increasing at Barripore.
Jessore "	3·12	
Nuddea "	1·10	Some cholera in Nowparah and Daulutpore.
Moorshedabad "	·95	A few cases of cholera reported from Bharutpore, and fever is prevalent in parts.
Pubna "	1·13	Fever in the town of Pubna has decreased.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*			
Rajshahye	(Oct. 7th)	1·46	Twenty-seven cases of cholera reported during the week, 12 were fatal, chiefly in Belwaria thana.
Bogra	,,	·33	
Maldah	,,	1·65	
Dinagepore	,,	No rain.	Fever continues; no fresh reports of small-pox; a few cases of cholera.
Rungpore	,,	·05	
Cooch Behar	,,	1·11	
Jalpaiguri	,,	·59	Cholera has ceased in the Jail, but still continues here and there in the district.
Darjeeling	,,	·05	
Midnapore	,,	No rain.	
Howrah	,,	·11	
Hooghly	,,	Not received	Fever more prevalent; small-pox and cholera not on increase; general health fair.
Burdwan	,,	No rain.	Increase of fever in Culna.
Bankipore	,,	1·05	
Beerbhoom	,,	2·46	
Sonthal Pergunnahs	,,	·16	Health fair.
Bhágalpur	,,	No rain.	General health very good.
Monghyr	,,	·25	
Purneah	,,	No rain.	
Darbangah	,,	Not received.	
Mozufferpore	,,	No rain.	
Sarun	,,	·43	General health good.
Chumparun	,,	No rain.	
Patna	,,	,,	Health generally good.
Gya	,,	·82	
Shahabad	,,	Not received.	
Hazáribágh	,,	·06	
Lohardugga	,,	·19	Cholera has disappeared, and general health is good.
Maunbhoom	,,	·63	
Singbhoom	,,	1·02	District healthy.
Balasore	,,	·14	Cholera has broken out violently in a village near Bhudruck.
Cuttack	,,	·20	Cholera has again appeared in various parts of the district.
Pooree	,,	1·12	*General Remarks.*—The rainfall during the week has been scanty in most districts; more rain is wanted in many districts, and in the Patna and Bhagalpur Divisions it is urgently wanted; the rice crop has been injured in a few places from want of rain. In Orissa, on the contrary, there is said to have been excessive rain; the general prospects of the late rice crop are however still very favourable; the harvesting of the early rice and other bhadoi crops and the transplanting operations of the late rice seedlings are almost concluded.
N. W. P.—			
Benares	(Oct. 4th)	Average rainfall ·3.	No change as to crops.
Azamgarh	(5th)	*Nil.*	Prospects good; ploughing for rabi going on.
Allahabad	,,	Average rainfall ·02.	
Cawnpore	(6th)	...	Fine dry weather; prospects good.
Banda	(7th)	Average rainfall ·2.	Dhan being cut; prospects good.
Hamirpur	(8th)	...	Fine weather; prospects good.
Jhansi	(5th)	Several showers during the week.	No change in prospects.
Agra	(6th)	*Nil.*	Prospects good.
Meerut	,,	...	Fine weather now.
Moradabad	,,	...	Rains ceased; kharif harvest progressing; rabi sowings commenced.
Bareilly	,,	...	Rains over; early harvesting begun; crops good.
Almorah	,,	...	The rice is all cut except in watered lands, and millet crop is being cut; weather very favourable.
Punjab—			
Delhi	(Oct. 6th)	*Nil.*	All except submerged crops doing well; health of district good.
Hissar	,,	·1	Weather cloudy; kharif crops luxuriant; land for rabi being prepared; health of division generally good with exception of an outbreak of cholera in mild form at Bhiwani.
Umballa	,,	*Nil.*	Crops good; cholera still prevails in the district.
Jullundur	,,	·5	Floods not yet abated; slight fever about, but general health good.
Lahore	,,	1·3	Crops good; a few cases of cholera, but general health good.
Rawal Pindi	,,	2·	Constant and heavy rain injurious to kharif crops under sickle and delays ploughing for rabi sowings; fever prevailing.
Mooltan	,,	*Nil.*	Kharif crops nearly ripe; sowing commenced; slight fever prevailing, otherwise general health good.
Dera Ismail Khan	,,	1·7	Health good.
Peshawur	,,	1·9	Agricultural prospects favourable; slight fever prevails.
			General Remarks.—Health and agricultural prospects generally good, but weather still unsettled in the districts where the rainfall has been unusually heavy.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Oct. 6th)	*Nil.*	Prospects continue favourable; prices stationary; public health generally good; the rains appear to have come to a close.
Sitapur "	·2	
Fyzabad "	*Nil.*	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (Oct. 2nd)	·02	Prospects favourable; cholera and small-pox continue; prices easy.
Sambalpur "	·07	Prospects excellent; early rice being reaped; cholera disappearing.
Bilaspur "	·25	Prospects favourable; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Raipur (3rd)	·22	Prospects excellent; rabi ploughing continues; health good; prices easy.
Chanda "	...	Weather clear; prospects good; cattle disease prevalent; prices easy.
Balaghât (4th)	...	Weather clear; prospects favourable; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Chhindwara "	·22	Crops promising; cholera continues; prices steady.
Nagpur (6th)	·15	Kharif crops improving; rabi sowings commenced; cholera and cattle disease continue; prices falling.
Wardha "	...	Prospects of kharif good; cholera still lingers.
Nimar "	...	Cotton and til crops damaged by mist; cholera continues; prices stationary.
Hoshangabad "	...	Rabi ploughing progressing; cholera continues.
Betul "		
Narsinghpur "	1·	Jowar and cotton suffered considerably from excessive rains; rabi ploughing continues.
Jubbulpore "	·10	Prospects good; cattle disease prevalent; prices falling.
Saugor "	1·3	Prospects favourable; rabi ploughing continues.
Seoni "	...	Prospects good; rabi ploughing continues; health good.
Mandla "	·20	Rabi sowings progressing; prices falling.
Damoh "	...	Weather clear; rabi sowing progressing; prices stationary.
		General Remarks.—Prospects generally improved, and only in the Narbada Valley is kharif bad; weather favourable for rabi ploughing.
British Burma—		
Arakan Division.		
Akyab (Oct. 6th)		Public health good; agricultural prospects very good.
Pegu Division.		
Rangoon "		Extensive destruction by floods in Hline and Hinawbee townships; latter rain propitious; public health good.
Bassein "		Health good; crops good except where inundated.
Henzada "		Public health good; crops flourishing; slight cattle disease.
Prome "		Health good; crops promising.
Thayetmyo "		Health and crops good.
Tenasserim Division.		Public health good; crops partially inundated at Amherst, Shwegyeen and Toungoo; rain favourable.
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (Oct. 7th)	·63	Cholera almost disappeared at Mysore, but still prevalent, more or less virulently, in Mysore, Bangalore, Hassan, and Tumkur Districts; a few cases at Bangalore.
Coorg "	·47	*General Remarks.*—Agricultural prospects improved by slight but general rain.
Assam—		
Gauhati (Oct. 7th)	·32	Weather clear with north-east winds; slight showers on night of 3rd; prospects of crops favourable but rain wanted; tea season good; public health good.
Sylhet "	·22	Transplantation of sali crop completed; rice market steady; small-pox declining.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (Oct. 7th)	*Nil.*	Kharif crops in fair condition; cholera in mild form in the Woon District.
Rajputana—		
Aboo (Oct. 7th)	*Nil.*	Weather clear and bright.
Meywar (1st)	1·05	Total rainfall 41·07; crops greatly damaged by heavy floods, those spared give good promise; weather clear and pleasant; health good.
Marwar (Sept. 25th)	1·2	Crops improved much beyond expectation; sunshine required.
Jodhpur "	...	Water sufficient for whole year; health good.
Harowtee States.		
Deolee (Sept. 25th)	9·1	Crops very good; fever prevalent.
Tonk "	4·4	
Kota "	3·7	
Jhallawar "	1·9	

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Rajputana—*continued.*		
Ulwar (Oct. 7th)	·92	Temperature 80°; crop prospects excellent; general health good.
Bhurtpore "	*Nil.*	Sky clear; prospects good.
Jeypore "	1·4	Excellent agricultural prospects throughout territory; health good.
Ajmere "	*Nil.*	Mucca crops rotted; weather cloudy; cholera wholly ceased.
Central India—		
Indore (Oct. 6th)	*Nil.*	
Gwalior "	1·32	
Neemuch "	*Nil.*	
Rutlam "	*Nil.*	
Baghelkhand (Sutna) "	·30	Total rainfall 82 inches.
Bhopal Agency.		
Sehore (Sept. 25th)	·60	
Beorah "	2·4	
Bhilsa "	·30	
Nursingarh "	[illegible]	
Kilchipur "	4·2	
		General Remarks.—Crops in Bundelkhand, Bhopal and Malwa have suffered considerably through unusually heavy rains; general health good.
Nepal— (Sept. 29th)	·25	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera not abated yet.

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REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 14TH OCTOBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—In Madras there has been sufficient rain, except in Malabar, and prospects are promising. In Sind the river has fallen, though still much higher than last year. In the Bombay Presidency there has been no rain, with the exception of slight falls in Nasik, the Deccan Districts, and Belgaum and Dharwar: rain is said to be needed in the Deccan and Southern Mahratta Country; the kharif harvest has commenced in Guzerat and the Deccan. No rain has fallen in Berar or the Central Provinces, except showers in Nimar and Seoni: prospects are good except in the Nerbudda Valley, where the crops were damaged by excessive rain. No rain has fallen in Central India, or in Rajputana except in Marwar: prospects are generally excellent. In Bengal there has been slight general rain in the Eastern Districts and Chota Nagpore, scanty and partial falls in the central portion, and none in Behar: drought is said to threaten the upland sowings of the late rice; the harvest of the early rice has come to an end. No rain has fallen in the North-Western Provinces, except half an inch at Agra, or in Oudh: in both provinces the promise of the crops is excellent. In the Punjab there have been light showers in Delhi, Hissar and Jullundur, elsewhere no rain: prospects are good. No rain has fallen in Assam, and damage to the rice in the upper districts is anticipated. No rain is reported from Burma, where prospects are good. In Mysore rain is much needed.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—			
Kistna	(Oct. 14th)	0·61 at Masulipatam. 2·0 at Repalli and Gudivada.	Rain slight elsewhere; 2 feet water over anicut; canals full; later crops sown; staple crops suffering from too much rain in places; markets well supplied; prices steady; cholera has disappeared; cattle dysentery in five taluks; pasture abundant.
Kurnool	(13th)	No rain at Kurnool, but good rain in 7 taluks and moderate in Ramalkota.	Crops in good order; markets well supplied; prices generally steady; 265 attacks and 106 deaths from cholera; fever and cattle disease in some taluks; water and pasture abundant; 0·4 feet water over Sunkesala anicut yesterday.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Tanjore (Oct. 14th)	1·47 at Negapatam.	Rain elsewhere good; freshes in rivers and supply to tanks moderate; water over upper anicut, south branch 4 inches; lower, north 1·5 inches, south 1 inch; cultivation wet and dry crops; standing crops good; harvest a few wet and dry crops; yield fair; markets well supplied; prices almost steady; 188 attacks and 148 deaths from cholera; cattle generally healthy; pasture generally sufficient.
Trichinopoly (13th)	...	Good rain all over the district; nearly 2 inches in town; slight freshes down the Cauvery; crops in good order; outturn generally up to average; markets well supplied; prices steady; cholera still prevalent; public health otherwise good; condition of cattle good; pasture sufficient.
Malabar (14th)	0·55	Rain insufficient; sowing of second crop in progress; markets well supplied; prices steady and low; small-pox and fever slight; bowel-complaint in Palghaut, Ponany and Walluvanad, 118 cases and 59 deaths; cattle disease slight; pasture good.
		General Remarks.—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Oct. 14th)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (13th)	...	River fallen 9 inches since the 4th, but was higher on the 11th by 46 inches than on the same date last year; rain with hail fell in Dádú taluka on the 27th and 28th ultimo; fever and cattle disease generally prevalent.
Shikarpur "	...	River fallen 34 inches; it is 4 feet higher than last year; rabi sowing commenced; fever and cough prevalent.
Hyderabad "	...	Reaping of kharif crops, excepting rice, progressing; fever slightly prevalent; weather pleasant.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Weather mild; rabi sowings progressing favourably in talukas Kashmor and Thúl; land continues under water in Jacobabad taluka; fever and cough prevalent.
Guzerat.		
Ahmedabad (Oct. 13th)	...	No change.
Kaira "	...	Crops good; bajri being reaped.
Surat "	...	Cholera raging at Bulsar and Párdi; 39 cases in Bulsar taluka, deaths 14.
Broach "	...	Kharif crops ready for harvest; rabi cultivation commenced; health good.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Oct. 13th)	...	Reaping of bajri and til commenced in some talukas; state of cotton crops unchanged; cholera has re-appeared in Chálisgaon, 2 cases and 2 deaths; cattle disease as before.
Nasik "	0·56	Total rainfall 35·70; early crops fair; sowing of late crops in progress; cattle disease in one village in Kalwan; cholera decreasing.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Oct. 13th)	...	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera very slightly prevailing in 4 talukas.
Deccan.		
Poona (Oct. 13th)	0·78	Total rainfall 33·57; kharif crops being reaped; sowing of rabi progressing; cholera slightly exists in two talukas.
Ahmednagar "	·19	Total rainfall 16·99; more rain wanted; sowing of rabi nealy finished in some talukas; kharif crops fair; cholera in 5 talukas; 56 cases, 29 deaths.
Sholapur "	0·03	Total rainfall 20·34; slight cholera in Málsirao; sowing of rabi nearly completed.
Satara "	0·26	Total rainfall 51·19; more rain wanted; kharif crops middling; rabi sowing progressing, except in some places where it is impeded for want of rain; harvesting commenced in Mán; cholera decreasing.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Oct. 13th)	1·17	Total rainfall 53·26; crops suffering from want of rain; cholera continues and has re-appeared in Athni.
Dharwar "	0·80	Total rainfall 26; more rain required for kharif crops; sowing of cotton continues, but that of late crops delayed for want of rain; cholera in 24 villages.
Kanara "	...	Harvesting continues on the coast.
Kaladgi "	...	Kharif crops in ear; rain wanted; cholera continues, 41 deaths.
Kattywar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rájkot (Oct. 13th)	...	Crops good; bajri being harvested in some places.
Wadhwán "	...	Crops good; kharif harvesting commenced; cholera in Mujidad decreasing.
Baroda "	...	Cotton crops thriving; kharif ready for reaping; public health good.
		General Remarks.—General prospects good; kharif harvest commenced in parts of Guzerat and the Deccan; more rain required in the Southern Mahratta Country.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Oct. 14th)	·60	
Noakhally "	·6	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	·76	
Hill Tipperah "	1·98	
Backergunge "	·8	
Furreedpore "	·61	Public health remains excellent for this time of the year.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*			
Dacca	(Oct. 13th)	*Nil.*	
Mymensingh	"	·91	
Tipperah	"	*Nil.*	
24-Pergunnahs	"	*Nil.*	Fever is increasing at Barripore.
Jessore	"	*Nil.*	
Nuddea	"	*Nil.*	Cholera is abating at Nowparah.
Moorshedabad	"	·50	Health good.
Pubna	"	*Nil.*	Fever almost disappeared from the town.
Rajshahye	"	*Nil.*	The health of the district is satisfactory.
Bogra	"	...	
Maldah	"	...	
Dinagepore	"	...	Much fever continues with an occasional case of cholera.
Rungpore	"	...	
Cooch Behar	"	...	
Jalpaiguri	"	...	Cholera has not altogether ceased.
Darjeeling	"	·05	
Midnapore	"	*Nil.*	
Howrah	"	...	
Hooghly	"	Not received.	
Burdwan	"	*Nil.*	
Bankoorah	"	...	
Beerbhoom	"	·77	
Sonthal Pergunnahs	"	·38	
Bhágalpur	"	*Nil.*	General health remarkably good.
Monghyr	"	*Nil.*	
Purneah	"	*Nil.*	
Darbangah	"	...	
Mozufferpore	"	*Nil.*	
Sarun	"	...	Cholera still hovering about Darowli.
Chumparun	"	Not received.	
Patna	"	*Nil.*	Health good.
Gya	"	...	
Shahabad	"	No rain from 30th Sept. to 13th Oct.	
Hazáribágh	"	·02	
Lohardugga	"	·11	General health good.
Maunbhoom	"	*Nil.*	
Singbhoom	"	·02	
Balasore	"	*Nil.*	General health satisfactory.
Cuttack	"	*Nil.*	Cholera has re-appeared in several places.
Pooree	"	1·47	
			General Remarks.—Hardly any rain has fallen in the Burdwan, Presidency, Rajshahye, Cooch Behar, Patna, Bhágalpur and Orissa Divisions. In Patna and Bhágalpur there has been no rain at all. Seasonable but slight falls are reported from almost all the districts of the Dacca, Chittagong and Chota Nagpore Divisions. Want of rain is felt in most of the districts, and the late rice in the high lands in many places is suffering from drought. If rain does not fall soon the prospects of the cold weather sowings will be affected in some places. The harvesting of the early rice and bhadoi crops is complete. Sowings of the cold weather crop have already commenced.
N. W. P.—			
Benares	(Oct. 11th)	*Nil.*	
Mirzápur	(13th)	...	Harvesting in progress; rabi sowing commenced in south; weather fine.
Azamgarh	(12th)	*Nil.*	Prospects good.
Allahabad	"	...	Early rice being cut; prospects of rabi good.
Cawnpore	(13th)	...	Fine weather; harvest ripening; spring sowings beginning.
Banda	(14th)	...	Rains apparently over; grain being sown; prospects good.
Hamirpur	"	*Nil.*	No change.
Jhansi	(12th)	...	Prospects continue good.
Agra	(13th)	·6 at Jalesar.	More than average harvest expected.
Meerut	"	...	Weather favourable for crops.
Moradabad	"	...	Fine weather; general agricultural prosperity.
Bareilly	"	*Nil.*	Rabi sowings commenced.
Almora	(14th)	...	Rains quite ceased; millet crops just being cut; report received of a destructive hail-storm in Pargana Danpur, which did great damage but over a limited area.
Punjab—			
Delhi	(Oct. 13th)	·2	All except submerged crops doing well; a few cases of cholera in village near Delhi, otherwise health of district good.
Hissar	"	·1	Weather still cloudy; kharif flourishing; prospects of rabi promising; health generally good; cholera on decline at Bhiwáni.
Umballa	"	*Nil.*	Crops good; cholera still prevalent in district.
Jullundur	"	·3	Crops much damaged by inundation and high winds; cholera still hangs about Kartárpur, otherwise health of district fair.
Lahore	"	*Nil.*	Health and agricultural prospects good.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—*continued.*		
Rawal Pindi (Oct. 13th)	*Nil.*	Kharif crops under sickle; ploughing for rabi sowings in progress; health good.
Mooltan "	*Nil.*	Rabi sowing in progress; slight fever prevailing, otherwise general health good.
Dera Ismail Khan "	*Nil.*	Health good.
Peshawur "	*Nil.*	Agricultural prospects favourable; slight fever prevailing.
		General Remarks.—The extent of the damage to crops in the inundated districts cannot yet be estimated. With this exception the agricultural prospects as well as the general health of the province may be considered good.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Oct. 13th)	*Nil.*	Prospects of kharif harvest continue favourable; prices stationary; public health generally good.
Sitapur "	...	
Fyzabad "	...	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (Oct. 9th)	...	Weather clear; prospects favourable; cholera lingering; prices stationary.
Sambalpur "	...	Weather clear; prospects excellent; rice harvesting; cholera abating.
Chanda "	...	Weather clear; prospects of kharif good; rabi sowings commenced; cattle disease continues; prices easy.
Raipur (10th)	...	Weather clear; prospects of kharif good; rabi sowings commenced; health good; prices easy.
Chhindwara "	...	Weather clear; early kharif crops being cut; rabi ploughing continues; cholera lingering; prices steady.
Balaghât (11th)	...	Weather clear; early rice cutting; rabi ploughing continues; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Betul "	...	Weather clear; early kharif crops reaping; rabi sowings commenced; cholera abating; prices steady.
Bhandara (12th)	...	Weather clear; early rice reaping; rabi sowings commenced; cholera, fever and small-pox continue; prices stationary.
Nagpur (13th)	...	Weather clear; rabi sowings continue; cholera almost disappeared; cattle disease prevalent; prices stationary.
Wardha "	...	Weather clear; cotton in blossom; cholera lingering.
Nimar "	Showers on the 7th.	Early kharif crops being reaped; rabi ploughing continues; cholera abating; prices stationary.
Hoshangabad "	...	Kharif below average; rabi promising; cholera continues.
Narsinghpur "	...	Fields preparing; rabi sowing
Jubbulpore "	...	Prospects of kharif good; rabi sowings commenced; cattle disease continues.
Sangor "	...	Early rice reaping; rabi sowings commenced; health good; prices stationary.
Sâoni "	·10	Early kharif cutting; rabi sowings commenced; health good.
Damoh "	...	Early rice cutting; rabi preparations progressing; health good; prices stationary.
Mandla "		*General Remarks.*—The kharif promises well except in the Nerbudda Valley; preparations for late sowings going on everywhere.
British Burma—		
Arakan Division (Oct. 13)	...	Public health good; agricultural prospects very good.
Pegu Division.		
Rangoon (Oct. 13th)	...	Prospects of standing crops very fair; improvement in sowing operations in Pegu and Poungleng owing to subsidence of flood; public health good.
Bassein "	...	Prospects of crops in Ngathaingyoung improving; cattle disease in Ngapootan.
Henzada "	...	Public health good; slight cattle disease in Opho; crops flourishing.
Prome "	...	District and town healthy; crops promising.
Thayetmyo "	...	Health good; crops promising.
Thonkwa "	...	Health and crops good.
Tenasserim Division "	...	Public health good; crops progressing; rainfall favourable.
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (Oct. 14th)	·175 in Bangalore Cantonment.	Seven deaths from cholera in Mysore town during the week and 71 in the district; epidemic serious in adjoining district of Hassan and in one taluq of Bangalore District.
Coorg "	·54	*General Remarks.*—Rain much needed everywhere.
Assam—		
Sylhet (Oct. 14th)	*Nil.*	Weather fine; rivers falling; reaping aus crop completed; prices steady.
Gauhati "	...	Weather clear and cool; damage to paddy anticipated for want of rain; prospects of tea tolerably good; public health good.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (Oct. 14th)	...	Kharif crops in good condition; rabi sowing commenced; cholera decreasing in Woon.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Rajputana—			
Aboo	(Oct. 14th)	*Nil.*	Cold weather set in.
Meywar	(8th)	...	Floods did great damage; crops which have escaped promise well; health good.
Marwar	(2nd)	1·02	Weather clear with bright sunshine; prospects very good; fever and diarrhœa prevailing.
Harowtee	"	*Nil.*	Fever everywhere prevalent; cholera still hanging about.
Tonk	"	...	Crops good.
Jeypore	(7th)	*Nil.*	Agricultural prospects and health excellent.
Ajmere	"	...	Health good; barley and wheat crops must succeed.
Bhurtpore	"	...	No change; rabi sowings commenced.
Central India—			
Indore	(Oct. 13th)	*Nil.*	Agricultural prospects favourable; health generally good.
Gwalior	"	...	
Neemuch	"	...	
Rutlam	"	...	
Baghelkhand	"	...	
Sutna	"	...	
Nepal—	(Oct. 6th)	1·2	Agricultural prospects fair; cholera still about but decreasing.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 21ST OCTOBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The rains have ceased over the greater part of India. In Madras there have been sufficient falls in most districts and prospects are satisfactory. In Sind the river still continues high; the reaping of the kharif is progressing, with promise of a good outturn. In the Bombay Presidency generally there has been no rain during the week, and its want is much felt in the Southern Mahratta Country and parts of the Deccan: otherwise prospects are good, and the kharif promises very well. In Berar and the Central Provinces there has been no rain: the kharif is being reaped and rabi operations pushed on. In Bengal there has been slight rain, heavy in some places, in most of the Eastern and Central districts and Orissa. In Behar none has fallen except a slight shower in Patna: it is urgently wanted in the Patna and Bhágalpur Divisions, and if none falls some failure of the main rice crop is expected; elsewhere prospects are good, but more rain would be of much service. No rain has fallen in the North-Western Provinces, Oudh, or the Punjab, where prospects are generally excellent. In Rajputana and Central India the rains have ceased, and agricultural prospects are promising. Rain is wanted in Mysore, where a fall of 1·39 inches is reported: prospects are not good. In Upper Assam slight, and in Sylhet heavier rain has fallen: the crops are in good condition, except the rice in the upper districts.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (Oct. 21st)	0·14 at Masulipatam; none elsewhere.	Two feet 5 inches water over anicut; canal supply insufficient in Gudivada; later dry crops sown; dry paddy and some other dry crops require rain; markets well supplied locally; prices steady; mild fever and small-pox; cattle unhealthy in three taluks; pasture sufficient.
Tanjore "	1·92 at Negapatam.	Rain elsewhere good; freshes in rivers and supply to tanks moderate; water over lower anicut, north branch 8·5 inches, south 8 inches; upper, south 3 inches; cultivation wet and dry crops; standing crops good; harvest a few wet and dry crops; yield fair; markets well supplied; prices almost steady; cholera slightly increased, seizures 287, deaths 206; cattle generally healthy; pasture generally sufficient.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Trichinopoly (Oct. 20th)	...	Good rain all over the district, varying from one and a half to three and three-quarter inches, except in one taluk; water-supply sufficient; crops in good order; outturn of rice and cumboo below average; markets well supplied; prices generally steady; cholera prevailing to some slight extent; condition of cattle good; pasture improving.
Malabar (21st)	0·87	Sowing of second crop in progress; markets well supplied; prices steady; fever slight; 91 cases of bowel-complaint in Palghaut, Ponany and Walluvanad, and 59 deaths; cattle disease slight; pasture good.
Kurnool "		Not yet received.
		General Remarks.—General prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Oct. 21st)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (20th)	...	River gauge at Kotri on 18th 10 feet 10 inches against 9 feet on the same date last year; rats injuring crops in Játi taluka and tapas Sata and Sháhbandar; barani crops in Sehwan Kacha suffering from want of rain; river eating into trunk-road to Shikarpur 14 miles above Sehwan, the Kachas of Deh, Bheon and Kanot, and the village of Unarpur; cattle disease and fever generally prevalent; total rainfall in Kurrachee 5·49 inches.
Shikarpur "	...	River 7 feet 2 inches, 27 inches above last year; weather unseasonably hot; fever and cough very prevalent
Hyderabad "	...	Rice reaping commenced; fair kharif outturn expected, considering defective inundation; fever more general—light for time of year.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Weather sultry; rabi sowings and crops as before; canals still full; fever prevalent.
Guzerat.		
Ahmedabad (Oct. 20th)	...	Kharif harvest and rabi sowing commenced.
Kaira "	...	Crops good; bajri being reaped.
Surat "	...	Cotton and other crops good; 43 cholera cases in Bulsar taluka, 16 deaths.
Broach "	...	Kharif crops being harvested; fever prevalent; rabi sowing progressing.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Oct. 20th)	...	Sowing of rabi in progress; cotton crop unchanged and promising, Hingunghat Rs. 36, American Rs. 40 per palla; cattle disease in Edalabad Petta.
Nasik "	...	Reaping of early crops commenced; sowing of rabi progressing; rain wanted; cholera disappearing; cattle disease in one village.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Oct. 20th)	...	Harvesting of kharif crops progressing; sowing of rabi commenced; cholera slightly prevailing in Máhim, Murbád, Kályan and Bassein talukas.
Deccan.		
Poona (Oct. 20th)	...	Condition of crops as before; cholera slightly exists in two talukas.
Ahmednagar "	...	Rain wanted; kharif harvest commenced; rabi sowing finished in some talukas; slight cholera in seven talukas, 23 cases, 7 deaths.
Sholapur "	...	Rain wanted; slight cholera in Sángola.
Satara "	...	Harvesting of kharif progressing—average harvest expected; rabi, where sown, withering; cholera prevalent.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Oct. 20th)	...	Crops suffering much from want of rain; cholera continues in a malignant form, especially in Gokák and Sampgaon, 338 deaths.
Dharwar "	...	Owing to want of rain kharif crops withering, and sowing of late crops delayed; cholera in 72 villages.
Kanara "	...	Weather fair; harvest continues on coast; rain wanted above Ghat.
Kaladgi "	...	Crops middling; rain required; cholera continues, 23 deaths.
Kattywar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rájkot (Oct. 20th)	...	No change in the weather; ten cholera cases in Rájkot city.
Wadhwán "	...	Crops good; fever prevalent; one cholera case, but not fatal.
Baroda "	...	Reaping operations commenced; cotton crops and public health good.
		General Remarks.—Kharif harvest generally promises well; rain much wanted in the Southern Mahratta Country.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Oct. 21st)	Not received.	
Noakhally "	·50	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	Not received.	
Hill Tipperah "	*Nil.*	
Backergunge "	*Nil.*	Health of the people is generally good, but five fatal cases of cholera reported from Matibhanga in Dowlutkhan.
Furreedpore "	·40	General state of the health of the district continues good.
Dacca "	·10	
Mymensingh "	·04	
Tipperah "	*Nil.*	

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*			
24-Pergunnahs	"	Not recd.	Fever is increasing at Barripore; ordinary fever is prevailing in the sub-division of Basirhat.
Jessore	"	*Nil.*	
Nuddea	"	·55	
Moorshedabad	"	·40	Fever somewhat prevalent.
Pubna	"	·21	Fever has much decreased in Pubna, but a case of cholera has been reported in the town and two cases at Berah.
Rajshahye	"	·41	3 cases of cholera reported; one fatal.
Bogra	"	1·30	
Maldah	"	*Nil.*	
Dinagepore	"	Not received.	Much fever and occasional cholera.
Rungpore	"	·23	Cholera has broken out in Govindgunge.
Cooch Behar	"	*Nil.*	
Jalpaiguri	"	*Nil.*	
Darjeeling	"	Not received.	
Midnapore	"	2·93	
Howrah	"	*Nil.*	
Hooghly	"	Not received.	General health fair, but many cases of fever in the Mofussil.
Burdwan	"	1·74	
Bankoorah	"	·72	
Beerbhoom	"	*Nil.*	
Sonthal Pergunnahs	"	·08	
Bhágalpur	"	*Nil.*	General health is very good; cholera reported from Noradeegur, pergunnah Soopool.
Monghyr	"	Not received.	
Purneah	"	Not received.	
Darbangah	"	*Nil.*	
Mozufferpore	"	Not received.	
Sarun	"	*Nil.*	
Chumparun	"	*Nil.* (No rain in previous week also.)	
Patna	"	·03	Health good.
Gya	"	*Nil.*	
Shahabad	"	Not received.	
Hazáribágh	"	*Nil.*	
Lohardugga	"	*Nil.*	
Maunbhoom	"	*Nil.*	
Singbhoom	"	*Nil.*	Healthy.
Balasore	"	·75	
Cuttack	"	·09	Sporadic cholera prevailing.
Pooree	"	A few drops	*General Remarks.*—More or less rain is reported from the majority of the districts in the Burdwan Presidency, Rajshahye, Cooch Behar and Orissa Divisions; the rice crops have been benefited, but more rain is still wanted in the districts of Rajshahye, Rungpore, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar. Rain is very urgently wanted. Cold weather sowings have commenced in places. The prospects of the main rice crops in the Eastern Districts and in places where it has not been affected by the drought continue favorable, but some more rain would do good. No rain has fallen in the districts of Behar, excepting very slight falls in Patna and the Sonthal Pergunnahs, and the rice crop is suffering. If it does not rain very soon, failure of the highland rice will be almost certain, and the outturn of the lowlands will be indifferent. Paddy is being cut in places for fodder. Irrigation is being resorted to where practicable. Rain is also wanted in the Chota Nagpore Division.
N. W. P.—			
Benares	(Oct. 18th)	*Nil.*	Fine weather.
Mirzapur	(20th)	...	Kharif outturn good, except in submerged tracts; rabi sowings general.
Allahabad	(19th)	...	Early rice being cut; prospects good.
Cawnpore	(20th)	...	No change.
Banda	(21st)	...	Rice being cut and cutting picked; kharif nearly ripe; prospects good.
Hamirpur	"	*Nil.*	Prospects good.
Jhansi	"	*Nil.*	Kharif harvest good; rabi sowing continues.
Agra	(20th)	*Nil.*	Kharif harvest above average; rabi sowings in progress.
Meerut	"	...	Rabi sowings progressing; rain crops ripening.
Moradabad	"	...	Weather favourable for harvesting autumn and sowing spring crops.
Bareilly	"	...	No change.
Azamgarh	(21st)	*Nil.*	Prospects good; sowing of rabi in progress.
Punjab—			
Delhi	(Oct. 20th)	*Nil*	Kharif being gathered; land under preparation for rabi; health of district good.
Hissar	"	...	Kharif promising; rabi sowings in progress; fever prevalent in Sirsa and Hissar Districts; cholera still hangs about.
Bhewani	"	...	Health generally good.
Umballa	"	...	Crops and health good.
Jullundur	"	...	Crops much damaged by inundation and high winds; fever prevalent; health otherwise good.
Lahore	"	...	Prospects of harvest good; health satisfactory.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—*continued.*		
Rawal Pindi (Oct. 20th)	...	Kharif being gathered; health good.
Mooltan "	...	Kharif being gathered; rabi sowings in progress; slight fever prevailing; otherwise health good.
Dera Ismail Khan "	...	Health and prospects of harvest good.
Peshawur "	...	Harvest prospects favourable; slight fever prevalent.
		General Remarks.—Agricultural prospects as well as general health of the Province may be considered good.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Oct. 20th)	*Nil*	Prices stationary; public health good; prospects favourable.
Sitapur "	*Nil*	
Fyzabad "	*Nil*	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (16th)	...	Weather clear and cold; rice cutting; outturn good; cholera disappeared.
Sambalpur "	...	Weather clear and cold; rain wanted for late rice; early rice reaping; cholera disappeared.
Bilaspur "	...	Cotton and tilli much injured; other crops fair; cholera reappeared; prices steady.
Raipur (17th)	...	Prospects of kharif good; rabi sowings commenced; health good; prices easy.
Chanda "	...	Prospects of kharif, except jowari, good; cattle disease continues.
Chhindwara "	...	Weather clear and cool; paddy threshing; rabi sowings commenced; cholera continues; prices steady.
Balaghát "	...	Early rice reaping; rabi ploughing continues; fever prevalent; prices fallen.
Betul (18th)	...	Early kharif crops reaping; rabi sowings progressing; cholera disappeared; prices steady.
Bhandara (19th)	...	Early rice cutting; jowar on low lands a failure; rabi sowings continue; cholera, small-pox and fever continue; prices easy.
Nagpur (20th)	...	Prospects of kharif good; rabi sowings continue; fever prevalent; prices fallen.
Wardha "	...	Jowar on high land requires rain; cholera and cattle disease continue.
Nimar "	...	Jowar slightly damaged by blight; rabi sowings commenced; cholera continues; prices fallen.
Hoshangabad "	...	Kharif crops below average; rabi sowings progressing; cholera continues.
Narsinghpur "	...	Prospect of crops good; rabi sowings commenced.
Jubbulpore "	...	Kharif prospects good; rabi sowings progressing; fever prevalent.
Saugor "	...	Early rice reaping; rabi sowings progressing; health good.
Seoni "	...	Early kharif crops cutting; rabi sowings progressing; health good.
Mandla } Damoh } (21st)	...	Rabi sowings progressing; health good; prices stationary.
		General Remarks.—On the whole prospects continue fair and preparations for rabi are being pushed on.
Mysore and Coorg—		
Mysore (Oct. 21st)	1·39	Latest reports from all districts state that no rain has fallen except slight showers at Bangalore; cholera increasing in taluks adjacent to Bangalore and extending in Hassan district; during the week one fatal case only in Mysore town, 92 in the district; epidemic also appeared in Coorg.
		General Remarks.—Agricultural prospects not good; prices slightly risen.
Assam—		
Gauhati (Oct. 21st)	·1	Mornings pleasantly cold; slight showers on nights of 16th and 17th; river fogs beginning to appear; salee dhan suffering for want of rain; prospects of all other crops and tea favourable; public health good.
Sylhet "	2·36	Rice market steady.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (Oct. 21st)		Kharif crops in good condition; rabi sowing continued; cholera decreasing in Woon.
Rajputana—		
Sirohi (Oct. 18th)	...	Fair supply of water; fair preparation for the rabi crop; weather seasonable; health good.
Marwar (9th)	...	Water in wells still continues to rise; health good; prospects favourable.
Meywar (15th)	...	Health good; weather clear and pleasant.
Harowtee (9th)	...	Crops excellent; fever prevalent.
Jeypore (21st)	...	Harvesting progressing satisfactorily; ploughing for rabi sowings commenced; weather and health good.
Bhurtpore "	...	Weather unchanged and prospects continue good.
Ajmere "	*Nil.*	Health good; prospects satisfactory.
		General Remarks.—General rains ceased and cold set in.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Central India—			
Indore	(Oct. 20th)	*Nil.*	Health and prospects fair.
Gwalior	"	"	
Neemuch	"	"	
Rutlam	"	"	
Baghelkhund	"	"	
Sutna	"	"	
Nepal—	(Oct. 13th)	*Nil.*	Agricultural prospects good; cholera has ceased.

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REPORTS ON THE STATE OF THE SEASON AND PROSPECTS OF THE CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING THE 28TH OCTOBER 1875.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The north-east monsoon appears to have set in in Madras, where heavy rain has fallen in the Northern Districts; in Tanjore and Trichinopoly the fall has been generally slight. In Mysore also there has been good rain, and the prospects of the crops have improved. In Sind the river is falling and the harvest continues. In Bombay moderate rain has fallen in the Deccan Districts and Southern Mahratta country, where more is wanted; elsewhere none has fallen; the kharif harvest continues and the outturn is good except in Belgaum and Dharwar, where want of rain has reduced it. In Bengal moderate rain has fallen in almost all the Eastern and Central Districts, Orissa and Chota Nagpore; 10 inches fell in Cuttack: it has been light in the Rajshahye and Cooch Behar Divisions; none has fallen in the Patna and Bhágulpur Divisions, where the rice crop is suffering much in consequence, and the preparations for the cold weather sowings are impeded. No rain fell in the North Western Provinces or Oudh except a slight shower at Lucknow; prospects are good, except of the rice in a few districts, which has suffered from the early cessation of the rains. No rain is reported from the Punjab, where the harvest promises well. There has been rain in several districts of the Central Provinces which has in some places damaged the cotton, but has been on the whole beneficial. Rain has also fallen in Berar. No rain is reported from Rajputana or Central India, where prospects are promising. None has fallen in Assam or British Burma.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—		
Kistna (Oct. 28th)	Rainfall general at Masulipatam. 9·05 at Gudivada. 13·95 at Repalli.	Water 10·5 feet over anicut; canal supply sufficient; later dry crops being sown; standing crops good; markets well supplied locally; prices steady; cholera 12 seizures in Narsaropett, 3 deaths; cattle dysentery in five taluks; pasture sufficient.
Kurnool (27th)	3·75 in five days.	Season favourable; rain good throughout; water flowing over Cumbum tank; in Calingula standing crops good; jonna, korra, and sajja being harvested; water and pasture abundant; markets moderately supplied; prices falling in Ramalkota, steady elsewhere; fever prevalent; cholera disappearing, 27 seizures, 18 deaths; 0·5 feet water over Sunkesala anicut.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Madras—*continued.*		
Tanjore (Oct. 28th)	0·7 at Negapatam.	Rain elsewhere partial and scanty; freshes in rivers and supply to tanks moderate; water over upper anicut north branch 7 inches, south 10 inches; lower north 6 inches, south 5 inches; cultivation wet and dry, standing crops good; harvest a few wet and dry crops; yield fair; markets well supplied; prices almost steady; cholera abating, 174 seizures, 139 deaths; cattle generally healthy; pasture generally sufficient.
Trichinopoly (27th)	...	Rain slight except in Udiarpolliem, where the fall was over two inches; cholera prevailing to some slight extent; no other changes of importance.
Malabar (28th)	2·75	Rain favourable for second crop cultivation; markets well supplied; prices steady; fever and cattle disease slight; pasture good; bowel complaints in Palghat, Walluvanad, Ponany and Cochin, 204 cases, 143 deaths.
		General Remarks.—Prospects satisfactory.
Bombay— (Oct. 28th)		
Sind.		
Kurrachee (27th)	...	River falling gradually; jowari and rice being harvested; preparations for spring crops being made generally; public health fair.
Shikarpur "	...	No change since last report; river 6 feet, 1 foot 9 inches higher than last year.
Hyderabad "	...	Kharif harvesting general; rabi sowings commenced; weather close; fever the same as before.
Upper Sind Frontier "	...	Weather cooler; roads continue impassable; kharif crops being reaped; rabi fair; fever and cattle disease prevailing.
Guzerat.		
Ahmedabad (27th)	...	Kharif harvest and rabi cultivation progressing.
Kaira "	...	No change since last report.
Surat "	...	Reaping of kharif crops progressing; cholera cases in Bulsar 13, deaths 6.
Broach "	...	Crops good; fever prevalent.
Khandesh and Nasik.		
Khandesh (Oct. 27th)	...	Kharif harvest nearly finished; prospects of cotton unsatisfactory; 25 per cent. of crop injured by excessive moisture; ague and cough prevalent; cattle disease as before.
Nasik "	...	Rabi sowing suspended in some places from want of rain; cattle disease in one village in Kalwan.
Konkan.		
Tanna (Oct. 27th)	...	Reaping of kharif crops progressing; sowing of rabi commenced; cholera still very slightly prevailing in three talukas.
Deccan.		
Poona (Oct. 27th)	0·14	Total rainfall 33·71; reaping of kharif progressing; sowing of rabi completed; cholera has disappeared.
Ahmednagar "	0·48	Total rainfall 17·47, more wanted; rabi sowing nearly finished; cholera in three talukas; 40 cases, 23 deaths.
Sholapur "	1·07 a timely fall.	Total rainfall 21·41; slight cholera in Sangola and Malsiras.
Satara "	0·40	Total rainfall 51·59, more wanted; crops middling; rabi sowing retarded for want of rain; slight cholera in Tásgaon.
Southern Mahratta Country.		
Belgaum (Oct. 27th)	0·60	Total rainfall 53·86; average outturn of kharif one-half of a full crop; 304 deaths from cholera.
Dharwar "	0·65	Total rainfall 26·65; early crops withering, and sowing of late crops delayed in some places owing to want of rain; cotton plants in fair condition; cholera in 86 villages.
Kanara "	0·40	Total rainfall 107·58; weather cloudy; coast harvest continues; rain wanted above Ghat.
Kaladgi "	1·38	Total rainfall 19·38; kharif slightly withering; rabi healthy; rain required for both crops; 30 deaths from cholera.
Kattywar and Gaekwar's Territory.		
Rájkot (Oct. 27th)	...	Harvesting continues; 14 cholera cases in Rájkot city, 5 deaths; cholera also about Mánakwára.
Wadhwán "	...	Weather cloudy and warm; crops good; cholera at Limri.
Baroda "	...	No change since last report.
		General Remarks.—Kharif harvest generally fair, except at Belgaum and Dharwar, where the loss from want of rain is serious; more rain wanted to ensure safety of rabi crop.
Bengal—		
Chittagong (Oct. 27th)	Not received.	
Noakhally "	·65	
Chittagong Hill Tracts "	·88	
Hill Tipperah "	·29	
Backergunge "	1·0	General health of the people is good, but cholera is said to be prevalent in the sub-division of Dakhin Shabazpore.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Bengal—*continued.*			
Furreedpore	(Oct. 28th)	·22	The general health of the district continues good.
Dacca	"	·1	
Mymensingh	"	1·41	
Tipperah	"	Not received.	
24-Pergunnahs	"	·35	Fever prevailing in sub-divisions Barripore, Basirhat, Baraset and Satkhira; 17 deaths from cholera reported from Diamond Harbour.
		2·88 during previous week.	
Jessore	"	·38	Cholera has made its appearance in the Jhenedah sub-division, elsewhere the general health is good.
Nuddea	"	·37	
Moorshedabad	"	·88	Fever somewhat prevalent, but decreasing.
Pubna	"	·28	The health of the town of Pubna has greatly improved; 3 deaths from cholera at Berah.
Rajshahye	"	·45	15 cases of cholera reported, 5 fatal.
Bogra	"	·04	
Maldah	"	·02	20 attacks and 15 deaths from cholera were reported during the week.
Dinagepore	"	*Nil.*	Fever is very bad, worse than in other years; occasional cases of cholera.
Rungpore	"	"	
Cooch Behar	"	"	
Jalpaiguri	"	"	
Darjeeling	"	*Nil.*	
Midnapore	"	·57	
Howrah	"	3·15	
Hooghly	"	Not received.	Fever is very prevalent, especially at Connagore, where it seems epidemic; about 500 persons are reported to have been attacked and 25 deaths; little cholera in Rishna.
Burdwan	"	·14	
Bankoorah	"	4·70	General health good.
Beerbhoom	"	1·13	
Sonthal Pergunnahs	"	1·09	
Bhágalpur	"	*Nil*	General health good; cholera still prevalent in the west of Soopool sub-division.
Monghyr	"	Not received.	
Purneah	"	*Nil.*	
Darbangah	"	*Nil.*	
Mozufferpore	"	Not received.	
Sarun	"	*Nil.*	General health good.
Chumparun	"	*Nil.*	
Patna	"	*Nil.*	Health of the district is generally good; but there have been a very large number of cases in some of the villages in the Dinapore sub-division.
Gya	"	*Nil.*	
Shahabad	"	Not received.	
Hazáribágh	"	*Nil.*	
Lohárdugga	"	0·14	General health good.
Maunbhoom	"	1·14	
Singbhoom	"	·36	Healthy.
Balasore	"	1·48	
Cuttack	"	10·16	Cholera still occurs here and there.
Pooree	"	1·74	
			General Remarks.—Seasonable rain is reported from almost all the districts of the Burdwan Presidency, Dacca, Chittagong, Orissa and Chota Nagpore divisions, which has benefitted the main rice crop, but more is still wanted, excepting in Cuttack, where the fall has been heavy. Very slight rain has fallen in nearly half the districts of the Rajshahye and Cooch Behar division. No rain has fallen in any of the districts of the Patna and Bhágalpur divisions, excepting slight showers in places and moderate falls in the Sonthal Pergunnahs. Rain is much wanted in Behar. The prospects of the rice crop are good in most districts of Bengal; in Behar they are bad, and the cold weather sowings also promise badly. The high land rice in the districts of the Patna, Bhágalpur, Rajshahye and Cooch Behar divisions is dying off, and in places it is being cut for fodder; the low land rice where there has been rain and where irrigation is practicable may be expected to give a moderate yield. Cold weather crops are being sown, but in many places there is a want of sufficient moisture.
N. W. P.—			
Benares	(Oct. 25th)	*Nil*	Rabi sowing progressing; complaints from some quarters that rice crops have suffered in consequence of early close of rains.
Mirzapur	(27th)	...	Kharif crops being harvested; no rain, although some here and there needed for late rice; rabi sowings commenced.
Azamgarh	(28th)	...	No change.
Hamirpur	"	...	
Meerut	(27th)	...	
Allahabad	(26th)	...	Sowings going on steadily; damage to crops by flood less than first anticipated.
Cawnpore	(27th)	*Nil*	Good kharif harvest; rabi sowings begun.
Banda	(28th)	*Nil*	Prospects continue favourable; cotton being picked; weather cloudy and close.
Jhansi	"	*Nil*	Minor kharif crops reaped; rabi sowings in progress.
Agra	(27th)	...	No change; prospects good.
Moradabad	"	...	Weather continues favourable.
Bareilly	"	...	Agricultural prospects continue favourable.
Almora	(28th)	...	Weather fine and seasonable.

Presidency or Province and District.	Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Punjab—		
Lahore (Oct. 27th)	*Nil*	Harvest prospects favourable; kharif being gathered, and rabi sowings commenced in places; usual autumnal fevers in places, but health of province generally reported good.
Oudh—		
Lucknow (Oct. 27th)	Slight sprinkle.	Weather cloudy; public health good; prospects generally favourable, except in the Terai; the late rice has suffered from the early cessation of the rains.
Fyzabad "	*Nil*	
Sitapur "	*Nil*	
Central Provinces—		
Upper Godavari (Oct. 23rd)	·37	Rain favourable for crops; health good; prices easy.
Sambalpur "	1·75	Rain beneficial to crops; cholera disappeared.
Bilaspur "	...	Cloudy; rice suffered in places from want of rain; rabi sowings continue; fever prevalent; prices steady.
Raipur (24th)	1·66	Rain opportune; health good; prices risen.
Chhindwara "	...	Cloudy, with slight showers of rain; rabi sowings completed; cholera decreasing; prices steady.
Balaghât (25th)	1·0	Lighter kind of rice reaping; rabi sowings progressing; fever prevalent; prices fallen.
Bhandara (26th)	·98	Rain beneficial; rabi sowings continue; cholera, fever, small-pox and cattle disease continue; prices easy.
Nagpur (27th)	3·61	Rain beneficial; cotton slightly damaged; cholera continues; prices fallen.
Wardha "	7·83	Cotton damaged; jowar favourable; rabi sown; cattle disease prevalent.
Nimar "	...	Cloudy, slight rain; cholera continues; prices risen.
Hoshangabad "	...	Cool and clear; rabi sowings progressing; cholera continues.
Jubbulpore "	·12	Prospects of kharif good; rabi sowings continue; fever prevalent.
Saugor "	·05	Rice reaping approaching completion; rabi sowings progressing; prices declining.
Seoni "	1·40	Kharif cutting; rabi sowing progressing; health good.
Narsinghpur "	...	Slight rain on 24th; rabi sowings progressing; fever prevalent.
		General Remarks.—Heavy rain in Wardha Valley injured cotton and rabi sowings, but for rabi the rain is advantageous.
British Burma— (Oct. 27th.)		
Arakan Division ...	...	Public health good; agricultural prospects favourable.
Pegu Division—		
Rangoon District ...	...	Health good; slight cattle disease; crops favourable, except where lately inundated.
Bassein	...	Health and crops good.
Henzada	...	Health and crops good; slight cattle disease.
Prome	...	Health and crops good.
Thayetmyo	...	Health good; crops promising.
Tenasserim Division ...	...	Public health good; crops promising.
Mysore and Coorg—		
Bangalore (Cantonment) (Oct. 28th.)	1·51	No cholera this week in Mysore town, and 50 deaths in the district; general indication of abatement throughout Mysore and Coorg Provinces.
Coorg "	2·18	*General Remarks.*—Recent rains have done good, but failure of crops reported in Chitaldroog.
Assam—		
Gauhati (Oct. 28th)	*Nil*	Mornings cold and foggy; days cool and dry; saleedhan suffering for want of rain; prospects of other crops and tea favourable; public health good.
Sylhet "	...	Rain wanted; rice market steady.
Hyderabad Assigned Districts—		
Umraoti (Oct. 28th)	1·40	Kharif crops in good condition; rabi sowing continues; cholera almost subsided.
Rajputana—		
Sirohi (Oct. 25th)	...	Supply of water fair in tanks, wells full; health generally good; fever somewhat increased; crop prospects fair, preparing for rabi; weather seasonable.
Marwar (22nd)	...	Water still rising in wells; health good; prospects favourable; heat very great.
Harowtee (19th)	...	Health good, but fever prevalent; prospects good.
Ulwar "	...	Health good; rains having been very favourable, grain is being sown largely.
Ajmere (28th)	*Nil*	Clouds about; health good; prospects satisfactory.
Jeypore "	*Nil*	Agricultural affairs progressing satisfactorily; health excellent.
Bhurtpore "	...	Kharif crop being harvested; health good.

Presidency or Province and District.		Rainfall for week preceding.	State of agricultural prospects.
Central India—			
Indore	(Oct. 27th)	...	No change; all fair.
Gwalior	"	...	
Neemuch	"	...	
Rutlam	"	...	
Baghelkhund	"	...	
Sutna	"	...	
Nepal—	(Oct. 20th)	*Nil*	Rice crop now being cut in the hills; prospects excellent.

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